

What's new?

Newly announced Web sites, documents, mailing lists and other resources, selected by OMNI.

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Hi Quality

<http://www.hiquality.org.uk/>

A new site, launched in February 2002 by the Centre for Health Information Quality (CHiQ), with funding from the Department of Health. Hi Quality aims to raise quality standards in health information. Two sets of guidelines are available from here, one set of brief guidelines for those looking for health information, and a set of detailed quality standards aimed primarily at those producing health information.

Care homes for older people

<http://www.doh.gov.uk/hcsc/carehomes.pdf>

A document outlining national minimum standards published by the Secretary of State for Health under Section 23(1) of the *Care Standards Act 2000*. This statement applies to care homes offering accommodation and nursing care for older people, from 1st April 2002. This document is available in PDF, from the Department for Health's Web site.

Cancer Research UK

<http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/>

Cancer Research UK is the new name for the charity that was formed in February 2002, as a result of the merger between the Cancer Research Campaign (CRC) and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund (ICRF). Their new site provides information about the organisation, their science and research activities, and links to CancerHelp UK, their patient information site.

Osteoporosis

<http://hebw.uwcm.ac.uk/osteoporosis/index.htm>

The latest bulletin on osteoporosis from Health Evidence Bulletins Wales, published in November 2001. The bulletins 'act as signposts to the best current evidence' in the subject area. The bulletin covers epidemiology, screening and diagnosis, interventions for prevention and treatment, and osteoporosis in children.

Future Health Bulletin

<http://www.headstar.com/futurehealth/>

A free monthly e-mail publication covering the use of the Internet and other new technologies in the health sector. The site contains full-text access to archived editions dating from September 2001, in plain text and HTML formats. Subscription details are also provided here. Published by Headstar, a UK based media company.

DEFRA's response plan

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/animalh/diseases/fmd/contingency/contplan.pdf>

A document, in PDF, outlining the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) contingency plan for the operational response to any future outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD). Published on 12 March 2002, this interim plan will be in effect until the results of the official inquiries into the 2001 FMD outbreak are published.

CancerSupportUK

<http://www.cancersupportuk.nhs.uk/>

CancerSupportUK was developed to provide help and support for people living with cancer, by the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund, based at the Royal Marsden NHS Trust. It provides information on cancer services, community care, emotional support, community support, complementary therapies, and issues such as housing, finance and employment. The site is available in English, Gujarati and Punjabi.

Arthritis technology appraisal

<http://www.nice.org.uk/cat.asp?c=29662>

A series of documents providing guidance to the NHS from the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) on the use of etanercept for the treatment of juvenile idiopathic arthritis, and etanercept and infliximab for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis. Published in March 2002, this is one of a series of technology appraisals conducted by NICE.

The Future Healthcare Workforce

<http://web.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/The+Future+Healthcare+Workforce>

A discussion paper produced by the British Medical Association's Health Policy and Economics Research Unit in February 2002. The document proposes a model for the future where 'nurses co-ordinate the care around a patient', replacing doctors as the first point of call. A summary of the document is provided, with an introduction, background to the problem, and a future model for the healthcare workforce.

Principles for Best Practice in Clinical Audit

http://www.nelh.nhs.uk/nice_bpca/pbca.htm

A publication produced as a collaboration between NICE (National Institute of Clinical Excellence), CHI (Commission for Health Improvement), the University of Leicester and the Royal College of Nursing. It aims to support NHS staff by detailing the methods, tools, techniques and activities related to each stage of clinical audit. A 'Review of the Evidence' on clinical audit is also available from here, which examines the literature in this field. Published on the Web by the National electronic Library for Health (NeLH), in HTML or PDF formats.

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