He@lth Information on the Internet

What's new?

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

Visit <http://omni.ac.uk/> for more details. All resources in this list have been selected according to the **BIOME Guidelines for Resource Evaluation** <http://biome.ac.uk/guidelines/eval/>. *Additional Information:* PDF documents require the Adobe Acrobat Reader, which can be downloaded from <http://www.adobe.co.uk/products/acrobat/download/readstep.html>.

The NHS Improvement Network

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

The Improvement Network (TIN) is an initiative of the NHS Executive aiming to 'enable people in the NHS and its partner organisations to improve services by using what works in their different local contexts'. Hoping to disseminate good practice within the NHS, the site provides a range of services including a directory of service improvement projects, a mailing list, and access to the Trent Electronic Library for Health (TELH). Registration is required to access some areas within the site.

Human genetics

<http://www.hgc.gov.uk/insideinformation/index.htm>

A new report from the Human Genetics Commission (HGC), entitled *Inside information–balancing interests in the use of personal genetic data*. This report focuses on the storage and protection of personal genetic information, and provides a series of recommendations to the Government on this issue. This site contains a summary of the report, a list of the main recommendations and conclusions, and the full-text report, all of which are in PDF.

Links Work Sheffield

<http://www.mentalhealthsheffield.com/>

Links Work is a unit that works to 'promote recovery and reduce chronicity in psychosis'. They were formerly based at the University of Sheffield, and transferred to the Community Health Sheffield NHS Trust (CHS) in October 1999. The site contains information about the staff and their publications, recent contracts, and a brief description of the courses they run.

Chartered Society of Physiotherapy

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

The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP) has recently relaunched its Web site. It provides a range of information about the CSP, covering what physiotherapy is, careers information, life-long learning, evidence-based physiotherapy, and information on services and access to AMED for members. A range of full-text publications is also available as well as media and government information, member groups and workplace issues. New features include PHYSIO2U which provides access to practising physiotherapists in the UK and an enhanced jobs on-line feature.

Sports Biomechanics

<http://www.eup.ed.ac.uk/newweb/journals/Sports/index.html>

Sports Biomechanics is the journal of the International Society of Biomechanics in Sports (ISBS), published by Edinburgh University Press. Aimed at sports practitioners, two issues are produced yearly. The tables and contents are available free of charge from the site starting 2002.

Epilepsy – death in the shadows

<http://www.official-documents.co.uk/document/reps/nscaerd/nscaerd.pdf>

The National Sentinel Clinical Audit of Epilepsy-Related Death: epilepsy–death in the shadows is a report produced by Epilepsy Bereaved. Sponsored by the National Institute for Clinical Excellence and health departments, the report aims to enable health professionals to review their practice. The report is available in PDF.

Cochrane access

<http://www.update-software.com/clibng/cliblogon.htm>

The Cochrane Library is now available freely to anyone in the UK, through a NeLH initiative. Previously only available via Athens or to those in the NHS, anyone with a registered computer 'IP address' can now either log on anonymously or register a username and password. The Cochrane Library provides access to seven databases (covering evidence-based medicine and research methodology), including the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews (CDSR) and the Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effectiveness (DARE).

Evidence-Based On-Call

<http://www.eboncall.co.uk/>

Evidence-Based On-Call is a new database of evidence-based recommendations on the diagnosis and management of a range of conditions, aimed at hospital clinicians. A total of 38 on-call medical conditions are covered, with links to summaries of the evidence, and supporting evidence. Produced by the Oxford Centre for Evidence-based Medicine.

The Medical Algorithms Project

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

The Medical Algorithms Project has collected over 3500 algorithms useful in healthcare. The algorithms have been obtained from searches of the biomedical literature. They are implemented in an Excel workbook and the documentation is in PDF format. The software can be freely downloaded and used for non-commercial purposes, but acknowledgement of the source is required in published work. Terms of use and disclaimers are clearly given on the Web site. The Project has been developed by Quanta Healthcare Solutions, Inc., set up by two medical researchers.

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