

What's new?

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

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NHS Dentistry: Options for Change

<http://www.doh.gov.uk/cdo/optionsforchange/>

The report *NHS Dentistry: Options for Change* was published in August 2002 by the Department of Health. It contains the findings of a working group looking at ways of modernising NHS dentistry. Key themes of the document include: methods of remuneration for general dental practitioners, oral health assessment, information and communication technology, dental practice structure, and patient experiences.

Health Effects of Climate Change

<http://www.doh.gov.uk/airpollution/climatechange02/index.htm>

Health Effects of Climate Change was published in August 2002 by the Department of Health. It presents the findings of the Expert Group on Climate Change and Health in the UK. Main section headings cover: the public perception of the health impacts of climate change, methods to assess the effects of climate change on health, overview of climate change impacts on human health, and secondary impacts of mitigation. Available both online and in PDF.

UK Biobank

<http://www.biobank.ac.uk>

The UK Biobank is a long-term research study, which aims to be 'the world's biggest study of the role of nature and nurture in health and disease'. Funded by the Medical Research Council, the Wellcome Trust, and the Department of Health, the project will involve 500,000 middle-aged participants, who will provide information on their life-style, medical history, diet and a DNA sample. This study will provide information on the factors contributing to diseases of the middle-aged and elderly.

SHERPa

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

A new Social and Health Electronic Resources Portal (SHERPa) has been launched, targeted at North East and North Lincolnshire healthcare professionals. Aiming to be an online gateway to information, resources and physical library services, SHERPa provides information on the libraries in the region, database registration, publications from the libraries, listings of Internet resources and information on training.

MeReC Briefing

http://www.npc.co.uk/MeReC_Briefings/2002/briefing_no_20.pdf

One of a collection of briefings from the National Prescribing Centre of the NHS. Published in October 2002, this edition covers NSAIDs and gastroprotection, as well as Cox-II selective inhibitors. Each briefing provides in-depth overviews, and trials and clinical papers in a therapeutic area. Available in PDF.

Alzheimer's disease

<http://www.acsh.org/publications/booklets/alzheimers2002.html>

A status report for 2002, published by the American Council on Science and Health. Aimed at consumers, this report discusses Alzheimer's disease, covering epidemiology, disease history, pathology, diagnosis, causes, known and suspected risk factors, disease progression, and available treatment. An executive summary is available from here, and the full-text report can be downloaded in PDF.

Workplace health

<http://www.hda-online.org.uk/html/improving/workplacehealth.html>

This resource on workplace health and well-being is produced by the

Health Development Agency (HDA). This site outlines the importance of a workplace health programme and provides information and advice on how to 'establish a base for a sustainable workplace health programme'. Issues covered include the components of a workplace health programme, organisational structure, and HDA standards.

Systematic review

[http://www.](http://www.hta.nhsweb.nhs.uk/ProjectData/3_project_record_published.asp?PjtId=1241)

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A systematic review and economic evaluation of pegylated liposomal doxorubicin hydrochloride for ovarian cancer. Published in October 2002, this review is made available on the Web by the National Co-ordinating Centre for Health Technology Assessment, at the University of Southampton's Wessex Institute for Health Research & Development. The executive summary is available in HTML format, and the full-text document is available in PDF.

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