

## 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/readstep.html>.

### **NICE technical appraisal for long-acting insulin analogues**

<http://www.nice.org.uk/cat.asp?c=43424>

This technology appraisal from the National Institute of Clinical Excellence (NICE) contains a series of guidance documents to the NHS on the use of long-acting insulin analogues (insulin glargine) for the treatment of diabetes. Made available in December 2002, this appraisal includes practice guidelines and associated press releases and assessment reports. This guidance will be reviewed in the light of new evidence in November 2005.

### **GMS Contract**

<http://www.nhsconfed.org/gmscontract/>

This NHS Confederation Web resource provides access to *Investing in General Practice – The New General Medical Services Contract*, a new contract aimed at GPs in the UK. Published in February 2003, the contract was developed by the NHS Confederation in negotiation with the General Practitioners' Committee (GPC) of the British Medical Association (BMA). The full-text document is available in PDF. Supporting documentation is also available to download.

### **Medical Dictionary**

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/mplusdictionary.html>

A searchable, online version of Merriam-Webster's *Medical Dictionary*, available through MEDLINEplus, the US National Library of Medicine's consumer health Web site. It contains definitions for 60,000 words and phrases used by healthcare professionals.

### **RCVS : guidelines for renal transplantation in cats**

[http://www.rcvs.org.uk/latestnews/pdf/transplant\\_guidelines.pdf](http://www.rcvs.org.uk/latestnews/pdf/transplant_guidelines.pdf)

A set of guidelines for renal transplantation in cats, issued by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) in February 2003. These guidelines focus on the ethical issues surrounding renal transplantation in cats, and aims to 'safeguard the position of source

and recipient animals involved in transplant procedures'. [PDF format]

### **SARS**

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/>

[http://www.phls.org.uk/topics\\_az/SARS/menu.htm](http://www.phls.org.uk/topics_az/SARS/menu.htm)

<http://www.who.int/csr/sars/en/>

Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) is a respiratory illness that has been recently reported in Asia, North America and Europe. The 3 resources listed above provide information on SARS from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the UK Public Health Laboratory Service (PHLS), and the World Health Organization (WHO).

### **Bandolier's 'Acute Pain' special issue (February 2003)**

<http://www.jr2.ox.ac.uk/bandolier/Extraforbando/APain.pdf>

This issue of *Bandolier*, published in February 2003, is dedicated to acute pain. It reflects the contents of *Bandolier's* acute pain resource, 'The Oxford Pain Internet Site'. It examines the evidence for how well acute pain is treated, looks at the patient journey, describes how acute pain trials are run, examines the evidence for interventions for acute pain, and covers chronic pain after surgery and health economics of acute pain management. [PDF format]

### **QualityHealthCare.org**

<http://qualityhealthcare.org/qh/>

This site is a 'global knowledge environment' aiming to help healthcare professionals improve the care they give to patients, sponsored by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) and the British Medical Journal Publishing Group. Information is available from the site on improvement methods and patient safety. Discussion groups are also provided, for registered (free) users only.

### **The Cochrane Archive**

[http://www.uwcm.ac.uk/support/information\\_services/libraries/cochrane\\_archive/](http://www.uwcm.ac.uk/support/information_services/libraries/cochrane_archive/)

A site recording the life-time

achievements of Archibald Leman Cochrane (1909–1988), who pioneered the use of randomised controlled trials (RCTs), produced by the University of Wales College of Medicine. The Cochrane Archive is the first resource within their Centre for the History of Evaluations in Healthcare, and can be viewed by appointment only. The site provides information about the Archive, as well as a list of Cochrane's publications, the Cochrane catalogue, plus information about Cochrane's prisoner of war experiences and the Rhondda Fach scheme.

### **JUDGE**

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

JUDGE is a project developed in partnership by Contact a Family and the Information Management Research Institute (IMRI) at Northumbria University. The project has developed guidelines for judging the quality of health Web sites, aimed at both consumers, to help them evaluate the information they find, and support groups, to help them produce good quality Web sites. The guidelines are available from the site, together with information about the project.

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