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WIRED will hopefully become a major force in helping improve treatment, prevention and policy. The nature of the numerous agencies involved is diffuse and ranges from governmental to local, from statutory to voluntary, from prevention through treatment to criminal justice; as a consequence, there is an urgent need for a common room where information can be exchanged and consensus achieved. A consensus that may drive optimum policy directed towards one of the main challenges to our society today.

'Substancemisuse.net' was a welcome addition to our family, but if we were looking to sit back and enjoy our 2.5 children we were soon to be challenged by the arrival of another wee 'un'. Drugs in Sport <<http://drugsinsport.net>> is the latest addition. Over the past two years, I had noticed how often substance misuse was involved in sport and I suggested to my two colleagues that I thought there was scope for another Web site devoted to this topic. David and Ash agreed immediately (being dedicated coach potato sport fans), and the rest, as they say, is history.

If there is one lesson to be taken from this triptych it is the realisation that there is a demand for dedicated news portals in many fields. For the reasons highlighted above, we believe that placing the person back into the process has delivered what the electronic news service could not, a service that can 'feel' what the reader wants and can search it out and present it on a plate.

BON APPETIT

Teaching and learning in clinical contexts: a resource for health professionals

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

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Teaching and learning for health-related professionals is based predominantly on clinical experience, but many of those who teach have not had any training to help them make the best use of experiential learning.

This Web-based programme is a resource for healthcare professionals who want to enhance their skills and understand more about teaching and learning. The programme is open and accessible to health professionals worldwide and aims to provide an introduction to teaching and learning for those who are new to teaching as well as offering useful information for experienced clinical teachers. Teaching materials are freely accessible. However, to take advantage of all the features and to gain CPD points requires registration. Registration is free.

Arrangements are also being made for CPD points to be linked to participation

The programme has been designed to meet the needs of those teaching or training at undergraduate or postgraduate level with a practical focus underpinned by educational theory. It is part of an initiative led by the London Deanery to develop Web-based educational packages to support the generic training of doctors and other healthcare workers, e.g. in Appraisal Skills <<http://www.appraisal-skills.com>>, Communication Skills, Ethics and Law, Patient Safety and Learning Within the Clinical Workplace.

A personalised certificate of completion will be available to those completing each module for inclusion in personal development portfolios. Arrangements are also being made for CPD points to be linked to participation. The programme includes two sets of modules.

The **Understanding Teaching and Learning (UTL)** modules cover core aspects of teaching and learning in the clinical context. The **Practical Applications in Clinical Settings (PACS)** modules focus on teaching and learning in different clinical contexts.

The project has been led by Dr Shelley Heard, Dean of Postgraduate Medicine at the London Deanery and managed by Judy McKimm, Head of Curriculum Development at Imperial College School of Medicine. The project Steering Group is chaired by Dr Diana Wood, Deputy Dean for Education at Bart's and the Royal London Medical School. Steering Group membership includes representatives from each of the medical schools in London and from the Faculty of Health and Social Care Sciences at Kingston University.

Surgeons' News

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