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### **Raising Standards: Improving Performance in the NHS**

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

A new document from the Department of Health, published in May 2003. It outlines the steps required to achieve the vision laid out in the *NHS Plan* published in July 2000, which set out the Government's plan to modernise the NHS and social care system. The document can be read as Web pages, or downloaded in PDF.

### **Safer staff, better care**

<http://www.rcn.org.uk/publications/pdf/saferstaff.pdf>

'Safer staff, better care' is a Royal College of Nursing (RCN) publication covering guidance on RCN manual handling training guidance and competencies. The document is part of the Working Well Initiative, and has been funded by a research grant from Liko UK Ltd. Available in PDF.

### **eCAB**

<http://www.npc.co.uk/ecab/ecab.jsp>

eCAB is an electronic current awareness bulletin provided by the National Prescribing Centre (NPC), that points to Internet sites providing up-to-date health and medical news, including clinical news, health and social care guidance, publications and policy. News items are sourced from a range of organisations including the Department of Health, Food and Drug Administration, and National Institute for Clinical Excellence. There is a facility to receive eCAB by email; brief registration is required.

### **Genetics Home Reference**

<http://ghr.nlm.nih.gov/>

The Genetics Home Reference (GHR) Web site provides 'consumer information about genetic conditions and the genes responsible for those conditions'. Produced by the National Library of Medicine (NLM) in the US, you can search or browse for information such as FAQs and links to related resources about specific genes and conditions. The site also offers basic information about genetics, including genetic disorders and gene therapy.

### **Isaacs Report**

<http://www.doh.gov.uk/kmo/isaacsreport/index.htm>

The 'Isaacs Report' was published in May 2003 by the UK Department of Health 'instigated by the events that took place following the untimely death of Mr Cyril Isaacs on 26 February 1987, and the post mortem examination that was carried out the following day at Prestwich Hospital mortuary on the instructions of the Coroner'. In all, 34 recommendations for future guidance on organ and tissue retention are provided. Available in PDF.

### **Diabetes – patient education models**

<http://www.nice.org.uk/cat.asp?c=68326>

This technology appraisal produced by the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) contains a series of documents providing guidance to the NHS on the provision of patient education models for people with diabetes. Made available in April 2003, information provided includes practice guidelines (in both HTML and PDF), a patient-oriented information leaflet (in both Welsh and English), and associated press and media releases. The guidance will be reviewed in the light of new evidence in February 2006.

### **Internet for Science**

<http://www.vts.rdn.ac.uk/tutorial/science>

A new tutorial has been launched as part of the RDN's Virtual Training Suite (VTS). This is a free, 'teach yourself' tutorial, aimed at those in UK further education, that lets you practise your Internet information skills in science. It includes sections on how to use it, a tour of key sites for biology, chemistry and physics, how to search, what to trust on the Internet, and how to get the most from the Internet for your work.

### **Diabetes Dictionary (NIDDK)**

<http://www.niddk.nih.gov/health/diabetes/pubs/dmdict/dmdict.htm>

It 'defines words that are often used when people talk or write about diabetes', from the National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse (NDIC), a service of the US National Institute of

Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK). The dictionary can be browsed alphabetically. Aimed at diabetics, their friends and families.

### **Diagnosis and Management of Epilepsy in Adults**

<http://www.sign.ac.uk/pdf/sign70.pdf>

A guideline from the Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN), on the diagnosis and treatment of epilepsy, published in April 2003. SIGN develops and publishes evidence-based clinical guidelines for use by the health service in Scotland. Available in PDF.

### **NHS Health Informatics Community**

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

The NHS Health Informatics Community is the specialist library in Health Informatics of the NeLH aimed at healthcare staff with an active interest in health informatics. The site aims to create a feeling of community, providing access to latest news, events, documents and articles on health informatics. Free registration is required to access some sections of the site.

### **Defining Nursing**

<http://www.rcn.org.uk/downloads/definingnursing/definingnursing-a4.pdf>

This is a Royal College of Nursing policy statement published in April 2003. It aims to help nurses and others describe nursing. It gives a definition that can be used in developing policy and legislation, determining skill-mix, and resource management, and describes how it was developed.

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