

What's new?

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Medical Journals Backfiles Digitization Project

<<http://library.wellcome.ac.uk/node280.html>>

The Medical Journals Backfiles Digitization Project is a collaboration between the Wellcome Trust, the Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC) and the National Library of Medicine. This project aims to 'digitize the complete backfiles of a number of important and historically significant medical journals'. Launched in 2004, this project aims to make digitised content available online by 2006. Detailed information is provided on the project plan and further information is provided in the FAQs.

WHO Guidelines on Developing Consumer Information on Proper use of Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine

<www.who.int/medicines/library/trm/Consumer.pdf>

These World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines are aimed at national health authorities to develop context-specific and reliable information for consumer use of traditional (TM), complementary and alternative medicine (CAM). Topics covered within the guidelines include benefits and risks, development of consumer information, general principles to ensure reliable information, and topics to consider. It will also be of use to consumers enabling them to choose a TM/CAM therapy that is safe and effective. The document is in PDF.

NeLH Respiratory Specialist Library

<<http://rms.nelh.nhs.uk/respiratory/>>

The Respiratory Specialist Library provides access to a growing collection of quality evaluated resources and links for health professionals working with individuals with respiratory diseases and conditions. Provided through the National electronic Library for Health (NeLH), this online library

can be searched by choosing from a list of topics which provide access to full-text resources that include key guidelines, patient information and evidence-based resources.

NHGRI Policy and Legislation Database

<www.genome.gov/LegislativeDatabase>

The National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) Policy and Legislation Database was launched in July 2004. This US focused Web resource is free, and the searchable database focuses on: genetic testing and counselling; insurance and employment discrimination; newborn screening; privacy of genetic information and confidentiality; informed consent; commercialisation and patenting. There is the facility to search the database by keyword, content type, topic and/or source, and information can be sorted by date or citation.

Towards cleaner hospitals and lower rates of infection: a summary of action

<www.dh.gov.uk/assetRoot/04/08/56/48/04085648.pdf>

Published by the Department of Health in July 2004, this document outlines the NHS campaign and action plan for cleaner hospitals and lower rates of infection, with particular emphasis on controlling methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA). This document provides background information on infection control within the NHS, patients and the role they have to play in monitoring and inspecting premises, the role of the matron, and independent inspection measures. This document is in PDF.

Tobacco Unwrapped

<www.hebs.com/tobacco/>

This Web site from Health Education Board for Scotland (HEBS) provides a range of information on the dangers of smoking and ways of quitting. The Smokefacts section gives health professionals resources to help their patients give up smoking; Smokestop is aimed at individual smokers, with advice and programmes to make stopping

smoking easier; Smokefiles provides material from the tobacco industry and elsewhere, documenting the ways in which cigarettes are marketed and evidence on health dangers concealed. There is also a cost calculator, an addiction tester, FAQs and links to other sources of help and information.

Newer hypnotic drugs for the short-term management of insomnia: a systematic review and economic evaluation

<www.ncchta.org/ProjectData/1_project_record_published.asp?PjtId=1362&status=6>

This systematic review assesses the 'clinical and cost-effectiveness of zaleplon, zolpidem and zopiclone (Z-drugs) compared with the benzodiazepines licensed and approved for use in the UK for the short-term management of insomnia'. Randomised controlled trials and other study methods were identified that had carried out comparisons. Written by Y Dundar and colleagues, and published in June 2004, this review is made available on the Web by the National Coordinating Centre for Health Technology Assessment at the University of Southampton's Wessex Institute for Health Research and Development. The executive summary is available in HTML, and the full-text document is available in PDF.



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