

# He@lth Information on the Internet

## What's new?

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### **A thin blue line: the history of the pregnancy test kit**

<<http://history.nih.gov/exhibits/thinblueline/index.html>>

This Web site looks at the history of the home pregnancy test and is produced by the Stetten Museum, U.S. Office of National Institutes of Health (NIH). This exhibit includes an historical timeline of pregnancy testing, and scientific background on the research that led to the development of the pregnancy test. The exhibit also offers you the opportunity to contribute to the site by anonymously relating your own experiences with the home pregnancy test. A bibliography of sources for further reading is also provided.

### **MedlinePlus: Animal Diseases and Your Health**

<[www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/animaldiseasesandyourhealth.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/animaldiseasesandyourhealth.html)>

A collection of resources, aimed at consumers, on the topic of animal diseases and human health. Links are provided to a wide range of resources, which cover news items, zoonotic disease overviews, and prevention and screening. A comprehensive collection of links to specific diseases from birds, cats, dogs, farm animals, fish, amphibians, horses, reptiles, and wildlife are provided. Also included is a set of pre-formatted MEDLINE searches covering animal diseases and human health providing free access to research articles from PubMed. This removes the complications of developing effective search strategies. This resource is provided on the Web by the U.S. National Library of Medicine, through its MedlinePlus Web site.

### **Framework for Nursing in General Practice**

<[www.scotland.gov.uk/library5/health/fngp.pdf](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/library5/health/fngp.pdf)>

This *Framework for Nursing in General Practice* was published by the Scottish Executive in September 2004. It has been produced with the input of practice nurses across Scotland, to

provide a developmental resource for practices and practice nurses. It summarises and interprets a wide range of current legislation and policy with links to authoritative guidance. The framework is structured around a set of standards drawn from the new General Medical Services (GMS) contract and the NHS Scotland Staff Governance Standards, and also reflects changes arising from Agenda for Change. The eleven standards cover six main areas: fair and consistent treatment; induction for role; developing the nursing team; learning and development; communication and teamwork; accountability. This document is available in PDF.

### **World Health Organization: South Asia earthquake and tsunamis**

<[www.who.int/hac/crises/international/asia\\_tsunami/en/](http://www.who.int/hac/crises/international/asia_tsunami/en/)>

This resource has been developed by the World Health Organization (WHO) in response to the South Asian earthquake and tsunami of 26th December 2004. This is part of their 'Health Action in Crises' Web site and it provides access to documents relating to WHO strategy (First 100 days, Protecting health), appeal documents (UN and WHO), health information fact sheets (environmental health, food safety, communicable diseases, child health, vector-borne diseases), guidelines on handling bodies after disasters, and links to other relevant resources, including daily summaries of the situation in the principal countries involved.

### **Better information, better choices, better health: putting information at the centre of health**

<[www.dh.gov.uk/assetRoot/04/09/85/99/04098599.pdf](http://www.dh.gov.uk/assetRoot/04/09/85/99/04098599.pdf)>

Published in December 2004 by the Department of Health (DH), this document focuses on the importance of putting information at the centre

of health. The 3-year programme of action, at both national and local levels, aims to 'improve access for all to quality, general, and personalised information which people need and want to exercise choices about their personal health and healthcare'. This document is in PDF.

### **Amniocentesis and Chorionic Villus Sampling**

<[www.rcog.org.uk/resources/Public/amniocentesis\\_chorionicjan2005.pdf](http://www.rcog.org.uk/resources/Public/amniocentesis_chorionicjan2005.pdf)>

Revised and made available in January 2005, this is the third edition of this clinical guideline and it has been produced on behalf of the Guidelines and Audit Committee of The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG). This clinical guideline aims to provide authoritative and up-to-date information, based on clinical evidence, regarding the methods and timing of amniocentesis. It considers the rates of miscarriage, timing/method of amniocentesis, and the skill of the operator. Recommendations regarding basic and ongoing training required to perform amniocentesis are also included. This guideline is in PDF and is valid until January 2008 unless otherwise indicated.



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