

He@lth Information on the Internet

What's new?

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*Newly announced Web sites, documents, mailing lists and other resources, selected by OMNI.
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The Hideout

<www.thehideout.org.uk/>

A Web site from the Women's Aid Federation of England aimed at children and teenagers who are victims of domestic violence or other forms of abuse. This site aims to raise awareness of domestic violence towards children and to empower children and women to deal with it. Information is provided on the different kinds of abuse and personal stories are available. Advice on dealing with problems, helping friends who are being abused, and speaking out are covered. The safety and confidentiality of children using the site is a feature. There are online games, quizzes and puzzles aimed at teenagers and pre-teens, including a 'graffiti wall' for self expression. The site provides information on how to get help, including access to helplines and other online resources.

Brain Briefings: Down Syndrome

<www.sfn.org/content/Publications/BrainBriefings/downsyndrome.htm>

Brain Briefing newsletters are produced by the Society for Neuroscience specifically for a lay audience. The aims of these brief two page newsletters are 'to explain how basic neuroscience discoveries lead to clinical applications'. This newsletter focuses on Down syndrome, and in particular recent research that links Down syndrome with Alzheimer's disease. New advances in research and treatment are also discussed. Published in April 2004, this newsletter also provides links to additional sources of information on this topic.

National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI): Influenza Virus Resource

<www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genomes/FLU/FLU.html>

The Influenza Virus Resource enables comparison of influenza virus strains and provides a reference for viral sequences. The resource contains data

from the US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) Influenza Genome Sequencing Project and GenBank, as well as pre-computed alignments of flu sequences. It also contains an illustrated scheme for influenza A virus replication. A number of flu sequence, reference and analysis links are provided.

Consumer Attitudes to Food Standards 2004

<www.food.gov.uk/multimedia/pdfs/casuk04.pdf>

This report from the UK Food Standards Agency (FSA) was published in February 2005. The report provides data on shopping, cooking and eating habits, concerns about hygiene in catering outlets, food retail outlets and the home, healthy eating and nutrition, general food safety, hygiene, and food labelling. Sources of information on food standards, awareness and perceptions of the FSA, and information requirements are covered. An executive summary of the objectives of the survey and of the data collected is provided. This 131 page document is available in PDF.

ESRC Society Today

<www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/index.aspx>

The ESRC Society Today is a new Web site combining the previous ESRC organisation site and the Regard site into one comprehensive site offering access to a range of high quality social and economic research. The site is run by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), the UK's 'largest funding agency for research and postgraduate training relating to social and economic issues'. In addition to providing access to its own research, the ESRC also acts as a gateway to associated databases through their portal. Current sources on this site include the Office of National Statistics (ONS) and the Social Science Research Network among others, with more

planned for the future. Key research areas are listed, including health and well-being.

An acute problem?

<<http://www.ncepod.org.uk/2005.htm>>

This report published in 2005 from the National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death (NCEPOD) is the result of a review of the care of 6000 medical patients referred for level 3 critical care in 2003. It identifies problems and shortcomings in key areas of hospital acute medical care, and makes a number of recommendations in areas where level of care was 'suboptimal'. Causes of failure in critical care services include failure of organisation, lack of knowledge, failure to appreciate clinical urgency, lack of supervision and failure to seek advice. The study provides an overview of the data and methodology, and presents key findings in areas such as pre-ICU care, patient observations and review criteria, the referral and ICU admission processes, the quality of medical records and audit, staff training, and pathology services. This Web site provides access to the full report, an executive summary and summary of major findings. The report also contains several appendices and an extensive list of references.



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