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The National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of Animals in Research <www.nc3rs.org.uk/>

The National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of Animals in Research (NC3Rs) is an independent UK organisation that provides a 'UK focus for the promotion, development and implementation of the 3Rs in animal research and testing'. Launched in September 2005, this comprehensive Web site contains detailed information on NC3Rs' publications, programmes, funding schemes and prize funds. The 'Information Portal' contains annotated links to online databases, Web sites, journal articles, legislation and other publications. The Centre aims to 'increase the development and implementation of the 3Rs in biomedical, biological and veterinary research in academia and industry'. The NC3Rs is funded by the Home Office, the MRC, the BBSRC, the ABPI and The Wellcome Trust.

School Nurses: results from a census survey of RCN school nurses in 2005 <www.rcn.org.uk/publications/pdf/school_nurse_report_full.pdf>

This report, published in July 2005, describes the findings from a census survey of RCN school nurses. Following new Government targets to ensure each primary and secondary school in the UK has access to a nurse, the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) commissioned this survey in 2005 to investigate the role of the school nurse. It compares the activities, workloads, concerns and career development of school nurses across the state and independent sectors. The survey highlights the various issues that are currently hampering school nursing services, such as heavy workloads, low staffing levels and unmet training needs. The 61-page document is in PDF.

National Resource for Infection Control <www.nric.org.uk/IntegratedCRD.nsf/NRIC_Home?OpenPage>

The National Resource for Infection Control (NRIC) is a project that was officially launched in May 2005. The NRIC is funded by the Department of Health and endorsed by the National electronic Library for Infection. This resource has been developed by and for infection control professionals, aiming to provide a single access point to infection control Web resources. This site is in the early stages of development, but material currently available here includes national policy documents, Web directories, experts' reports and publications.

MedlinePlus: Bird Flu <www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/birdflu.html>

A collection of resources, aimed at the general public, on the topic of bird flu (avian influenza). This resource includes a set of pre-formatted PubMed searches on bird flu, providing access to the abstracts of recent research articles on avian influenza. Links are also provided to a wide range of resources from government and other sources, including glossaries, organisations and statistics. This resource is provided by the US National Library of Medicine.

BMA: population screening and genetic testing <www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/Populationscreeninggenetictesting?OpenDocument&Highlight=2,bma,briefing,paper,2005>

This briefing paper on population screening and genetic testing was published and made available on the Web by the British Medical Association in August 2005. The paper discusses 'the main issues regarding population and genetic screening including areas of controversy; outlines current programmes in operation; and directs readers to useful sources of information'. The briefing paper is aimed at healthcare professionals

and other interested parties and provides information needed to understand and explain screening programmes. The full-text of the document is available online or in PDF.

BNF for Children <<http://bnfc.org/bnfc/>>

The British National Formulary for Children (BNFC) has been developed to meet the clinical requirements of GPs, paediatricians, pharmacists, nurses, students and all healthcare professionals involved in the prescribing, dispensing, monitoring and administration of medicines to children. This paediatric resource, launched in September 2005, provides reliable advice on the use of medicines in children of all ages. The Web site holds information about the BNFC, updates, FAQs and products. The resources' section contains clinical calculators and conversion tools, information on name changes for medicinal substances, cautionary and advisory labels for dispensed medicines, and talks and presentations. It is published jointly by the British Medical Association, the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health, and the Neonatal and Paediatric Pharmacists Group and is revised annually. NHS personnel in England have free access to this resource.



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