

What's new?

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Newly announced Web sites, documents, mailing lists and other resources, selected by Intute: Health and Life Sciences. Visit <www.intute.ac.uk/healthandlifesciences/> for more details.

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Informal Mobile Podcasting and Learning Adaptation Project (IMPALA) <www.impala.ac.uk/>

The IMPALA project (Informal Mobile Podcasting and Learning Adaptation) is funded by the Higher Education Academy (HEA) and started in May 2006. IMPALA aims to investigate 'the impact of podcasting on student learning and how the beneficial effects can positively be enhanced'. This project Web site aims to disseminate information on IMPALA and will cover work-in-progress, research tools, literature, an online discussion forum, blogs, a gallery of podcasts, a wiki for work groups, subject-specific exemplars, use cases, resources and tools for practitioners, and links to other projects involved with the pedagogy of podcasting. Higher education partners involved with this project are University of Leicester, Royal Veterinary College (RVC), Kingston University and the University of Gloucestershire.

Pandemic influenza: science to policy <www.acmedsci.ac.uk/images/pressRelease/Pandemic.pdf>

This report *Pandemic influenza: science to policy* is the product of a joint working group of The Royal Society and Academy of Medical Sciences. Published in November 2006, this report provides an 'analysis of the underlying science of avian and pandemic influenza and examines how scientific evidence can inform policy making in both the short and long term and the extent to which policy is being based on scientific evidence'. The report covers avian influenza, epidemiology and surveillance, antivirals, human vaccination, public health, and science and policy making. A series of recommendations relating to the major issues covered in this report are provided. Available in PDF.

MedlinePlus: phobias

<www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/phobias.html>

A collection of resources, aimed at consumers, on the topic of phobias. This resource includes a set of pre-formatted Medline/PubMed searches of recent research articles on phobias. This removes the complications of developing effective search strategies. Links are also provided to a wide range of resources from government and other sources, including news items, overviews, and documents on available treatments and coping strategies, and specific resources on fears and phobias in children and teenagers. Provided by the US National Library of Medicine (NLM).

Diabetes and the disadvantaged: reducing health inequalities in the UK

<www.diabetes.org.uk/Documents/Reports/Diabetes_disadvantaged_Nov2006.pdf>

This report from the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Diabetes and Diabetes UK looks at the current link between diabetes and socio-economic deprivation in the UK in response to the 2006 World Diabetes Day theme of 'Diabetes and the Disadvantaged'. Groups where there are a high prevalence of diabetes and poor outcomes are identified as black and minority ethnic (BME) communities, prisoners, homeless people, refugees, young people, the elderly and people in residential homes, and people with severe mental illness. This 23-page report, published in November 2006, outlines how and why socio-economic disadvantages impact on the development of diabetes and its complications in these groups. It makes key recommendations and provides some examples of good practice in the form of short case studies.

The ADA Dental Minute

<www.ada.org/public/media/videos/minute/index.asp>

Produced by the American Dental Association (ADA), this resource provides an extensive collection of oral health news items, in a video format. Originally produced and distributed for broadcast and cable television audiences, this collection covers a range of oral health issues and topics. Each news feature can be viewed in either broadband or dial-up video mode and covers issues such as tooth anatomy, smoking and tobacco, animal dentistry, dental hygiene, infection control, oral piercing, and cosmetic dentistry among others. Available in English and Spanish. To view the content, you need Windows Media Player or equivalent.

World Health Organization (WHO): female genital mutilation

<www.who.int/topics/female_genital_mutilation/en/>

This Web resource on female genital mutilation (often referred to as female circumcision) is made available on the Web by the World Health Organization (WHO). This collection of resources includes fact sheets, reports and documents, and information on WHO research into female genital mutilation.

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