Genitourinary medicine and the Internet No 5

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In this issue I have provided an updated list of STD and HIV web sites which were previously omitted, as well as sites offering information on recent advances in HIV medicine and conference coverage. I have also included a list of colposcopy web sites which may be of some interest to junior doctors embarking on specialist training. Please share information on genitourinary and HIV web sites with other readers and submit them to Dr Richard Lau, Department of Genito-urinary Medicine, St George's Hospital, Tooting, SW17 0QT, UK; email 100732.1404@compuserve.com

News and conferences

JAMA HIV SITE
Newsline

Provides daily updates and news briefings from Reuters Health Information Services and the Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta.

Conference

Coverage of the recent 4th Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (1997), held in Washington, USA.

STD and HIV sites

Clinic 275, Adelaide, Australia

A useful site with educational material aimed at the general public and also school-children, describing sexuality, sexual health, intravenous drug use, and descriptions of common STDs, including HIV and hepatitis infections.

International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care (IAPAC)
http://www.iapac.org/index.html

A web site hosted by IAPAC and its journal. Allows viewers to read articles printed in the journal and has occasional discussion groups on a topical subject, such as HIV viral load tests, run by “experts”. There are also articles on opportunistic diseases and anti-retroviral therapies.

The International Herpes Management Forum (IHMF)
http://www.pps.co.uk/ihmf/welcome.htm

A site which aims to improve the awareness, understanding, counselling, and management of infections caused by herpesviruses. Has some articles on the medical management of genital herpes, but the authorship of these is not disclosed.

Louisiana State University Medical Center (LSUMC) Clinical and Academic Medicine Server
http://lib-sh.lsumc.edu/fammed/default.html#pted

Provides a wealth of resources for medical education. Material found at this site may be freely used for teaching purposes. Also has a list of patient information leaflets dealing with a variety of clinical conditions (including sexually transmitted infections) and procedures.

The Regional Infectious Diseases Unit (RIDU), Edinburgh City Hospital, Edinburgh
http://www.4th-edge.co.uk/ridu/default.htm

Public web site of the Regional Infectious Diseases Unit based at the City Hospital, Edinburgh. Has information on local HIV services, RIDU publications, and current research activities.

The Terrence Higgins Trust
http://www.tht.org.uk/default.htm

Web site of the UK AIDS charity. Offers a wide range of information for people affected by HIV, including guidance on medical management, treatment options, legal issues, etc.

Vaccine Advocates Committed To Universal Prevention (VACTUP)
http://www.vactup.org/welcome.html#TOPICS

A web site run by an advocacy group promoting HIV vaccine research. It is regularly updated and has a number of publications and links on the subject.

Colposcopy

Division of Gynecologic Oncology, University of Pennsylvania. Colposcopy glossary
http://oncolink.upenn.edu/specialty/gyn_one/colp_glossary.html

A site which provides a list of colposcopic terms and meanings aided by illustrations. Good.

Louisiana State University Medical Center (LSUMC) Colposcopy Atlas
http://lib-sh.lsumc.edu/fammed/Atlases/colpoat.html

A very good site which offers a comprehensive account of the theory and practice of colposcopy. Includes colour images, line drawings, and enlarged colphotographs.
describing normal and pathological findings, as well as a step by step account of loop excision. Also has links to related web sites.

Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Canada (SOGC): Colposcopy of the Cervix
http://www.medical.org/sogc_docs/public/guidelines/cervix.htm

A fairly simple account of the technique and indications for colposcopy, together with some policy statements for the management of colposcopic abnormalities.

Wizard of Os—the Department of Family and Community Medicine, University of Wisconsin
http://www2.family.mcw.edu/gbrotzman/wizhome.htm

A site which hosts an occasional newsletter for colposcopists, announcing details of forthcoming meetings but also with links to a useful collection of web sites of related interest.

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