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Welcome to the *Annals'* regular review of what's happening on the web, what your patients are reading and what caught our eye this month.

If you wish to review web sites in your area of expertise, please E-mail your completed reviews directly to me, **Nick Cheshire**, at nickcheshire@blueyonder.co.uk. Authors must NOT submit their reviews more than once.

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Educational and training resources for doctors and students

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<http://www.med.harvard.edu/AANLIB>

The free online atlas, *The Whole Brain Atlas*, by Keith A Johnson, provides an excellent opportunity for medical students, surgeons, physicians and radiologists to view high quality CT scan, MRI, SPECT/PET scan images of brain as well as MPEG movies of normal and pathological conditions. The website has a user-friendly interface and allows viewing of brain scans in different planes and at different levels. The Java-based atlas navigator allows 2x magnification at different levels. It also offers a self-quiz on anatomical structures. This on-line atlas has sections on normal brain, cerebrovascular disease, neoplastic disease, degenerative disease, and inflammatory/infectious disease. Some sections contain accompanying lecture notes and nearly all are geared for the medical student.

www.freebooks4doctors.com

This website developed by Flying Publisher, provides links to 650 books, listed in alphabetical order in a variety of specialities, in English, German, Portuguese, Italian and other languages. The interface is user-friendly and provides access to links for free journals, websites, HIV medicine site, from the home page. The user can also subscribe, for free, to journal alerts. This website is dedicated to promote availability of free online medical literature by encouraging writers to publish their own books and papers.

<http://www.pallcare.info/>

This website, gives an excellent coverage of the latest advancements news in the challenging field of palliative healthcare. It not only gives links to different journals, books and theses but also gives an opportunity to do job hunting in the field of palliative care. The user can access the site as a guest but registration helps to identify automatically new items that have been added since one's last visit to the website. Registration of one's profession and home country allows 'quick menu' links to items most likely of interest for some pages.

<http://www.medicalstudent.com/>

An online free digital library of authoritative medical information for medical doctors and students. The goal of MedicalStudent.com is to provide a starting point for entry into medical places of enlightenment, entertainment and education on the Internet. MedicalStudent.com identifies authoritative medical WWW sites that can teach, illuminate, and inspire. In essence, MedicalStudent.com is meant to serve as a 'Pico portal' for users interested in quality medical resources on the internet. The interface of the website is user-friendly and provides access to an exhaustive list of textbooks, handbooks, manuals, atlases, websites on anatomy, anaesthesia, medicine, radiology, different surgical specialities and many others fields of medicine.

<http://cambridge-transplant.org.uk>

This website developed by Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, is an excellent information source regarding transplant surgery, for patients as well as for doctors. It provides information sufficient to answer patients' queries about the complete process they have to undergo from admission to discharge and beyond. It also provides an excellent overview of the research activities at the transplant unit and the job opportunities in the unit. The user interface is friendly and gives an excellent opportunity to keep in touch with latest activities in this speciality by online free subscription to *Cambridge Transplant News*.

<http://www.trauma.org/>

Established in 1995, trauma.org is an independent organisation which aims to provide accurate, current information in the field of trauma and present an interactive forum for trauma care providers world-wide. It brings together the knowledge and experience of all groups directly and indirectly related to trauma management. The website has an image bank with a unique,

structured database of images related to trauma and its management, freely available for personal use. The image bank is growing rapidly as more people submit their high-quality, informative images. It also provides interactive trauma simulations or 'moulages', which were the first of their kind on the internet and remain some of the most complex. They are used around the world to train doctors, nurses and paramedics in trauma care. The Trauma Team Leader Decision Scenarios test both knowledge and decision-making ability.

<http://www.medicalrounds.com/>

'Medical Rounds' web casts presentations and conferences in medical and surgical specialities for many contributing medical groups. All talks are originally presented at recognised quality grand rounds or professional educational meetings. As this website hosts multimedia presentations, so it demands specific computer requirements, to view them. The users need QuickTime to see the presentations available for free from Apple. The presentations should perform well on any Power Macintosh computer or a Windows computer with a Pentium 166 or better. At least 32 MB of RAM, 20 MB of free hard disk space, a monitor capable of at least 800x600 pixels resolution and 'high colour' mode are required to give an acceptable experience.

Hyperhidrosis

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British Association of Dermatologists

<http://www.hyperhidrosisuk.org/>

Hyperhidrosis.org is one of many patient support group websites provided by the British Association of Dermatologists. These are patient orientated sites usually run by volunteers who suffer from the disease. The site is well laid out and easy to navigate around. It provides a comprehensive and comprehensible summary of the condition using visual illustrations to aid understanding of the disease process. Following a methodical approach, it gives a background as well as addressing diagnosis and treatment options available. With information packs, useful links and contacts, it will tackle most questions related to hyperhidrosis.

New Zealand Dermatological Society

<http://www.dermnet.org.nz/>

The aim of this site is to provide authoritative facts about the skin from the New Zealand Dermatological Society Incorporated and as such it covers numerous skin problems including hyperhidrosis. The site has dedicated sections for doctors and patients. It provides brief and digestible information about the

disease. Using the incorporated links, a more detailed and sometimes illustrated description of various associated problems and treatment options can be obtained. In addition to concise information available on this site, there is a valuable list of related websites that provide information on hyperhidrosis.

American Academy of Dermatology

<http://www.aad.org/>

The site is divided into various sections. In the public centre section, the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) have tried to provide a resource base that covers common dermatological conditions, treatment and terminology. There is a short list of addresses of professional dermatology organisations, an impressive list of patient advocacy and support groups, links to AAD press releases and pamphlets, articles in *Dermatology Insights*, *AAD Guidelines of Care*, and links to other associations. Using the alphabetical search engine, the information required on hyperhidrosis can be easily obtained. However, this section is very short and not aesthetically inviting although, it does have useful links to relevant articles and websites.

International Hyperhidrosis Society

<http://www.sweathelp.org/>

The International Hyperhidrosis Society is a non-profit, independent society with the mission to provide objective, accurate, and balanced information about hyperhidrosis, its treatment and promote awareness and research into the condition. The site is very inviting. The layout is logical and coherent with clear sections giving an overview, treatment options, working with doctors (encourages seeking medical help), living with hyperhidrosis, news and research and information for healthcare professionals. The coverage of the topic is extensive and well supported with pictures, and flow charts which help patients and medical practitioners in understanding the condition and working together to deal with the condition.

Skin Care Campaign

www.skincarecampaign.org

The Skin Care Campaign is an umbrella organisation representing the interests of all people with skin diseases in the UK. Established in 1992, it is a subsidiary of the National Eczema Society, a registered charity. The site is mainly patient-orientated with clear, brief concise explanations of the condition, avoiding confusing and complicated medical terminology. To supplement the information given on the web site, relevant links to useful sites are provided.

<http://knowsweat.info/>

Sponsored by Allergan, knowsweat.info provides a free service for the general public and healthcare professionals who want help and information about hyperhidrosis and its treatment. The site has two main sections – one catering for the patient and the other for healthcare professionals. The patient-orientated section provides easy-to-understand, comprehensive and categorised factual