

Current awareness

Just some on the things that have caught the eye in the past couple of months...

National Knowledge Weeks

The various Specialist Libraries of the National Library for Health have been busy promoting evidence for diagnosis, treatment and care of patients in a wide variety of subject areas. Of particular note in the last few weeks:

Parkinson's Disease – the Specialist Library for Neurological Conditions www.nks.nhs.uk/neurology.asp

Although the Library itself isn't up and running until late 2007 you can still read the Knowledge Update- information on the last two years worth of developments for this condition.

Learning Disabilities – the Specialist Library for Learning Disability www.library.nhs.uk/learningdisabilities/ViewResource.aspx?resID=259901

Focusing on the extra health requirements of people with learning disabilities, this NKW focused on cancer, heart disease, respiratory illness, epilepsy and challenging behaviour.

Schizophrenia – the Specialist Library for Mental Health www.library.nhs.uk/mentalhealth/ViewResource.aspx?resID=259530&tabID=290&catID=8601

The best evidence and health service provision for different populations with schizophrenia

Type 2 Diabetes – the Specialist Library for Diabetes

www.library.nhs.uk/diabetes/Page.aspx?pagename=PT2D

Linked with Obesity Awareness Week, this sight contains all you need to know about recent developments in Diabetes care.

There have also been several online editions of useful books. Recommend the e-version and save a tree or two!

The Pregnancy Book – 2007 edition of this guide to expecting and new parents is now available from the Department of Health website (with a URL so long that it pains me to reproduce it here but for completeness:)

www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_074920

Birth to Five – 2007 edition also from the DH. Lots of info about childhood illness, immunisation, health and safety. See: www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_074924

Also worth a look:

The World Health Organization Clinical Trials Database:

Details of clinical trials currently taking place in the UK, US, Australia and New Zealand. www.who.int/trialsearch/

The NHS: 10 years on

Highlights the progress made in the last 10 years of the NHS. www.dh.gov.uk/en/News/DH_074237

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