

## **USEFUL WORLD WIDE WEB (INTERNET) SITES FOR NURSES**

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The following web sites are of interest to nurses. If you can recommend others or wish to make amendments, please send them to the editors. Note these do change so no printed list is ever up to date!

### **Acupuncture**

<http://acupuncture.com/index.htm>

Gateway to further information on acupuncture, Chinese herbal medicine and massage. List of practitioners

### **Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome**

Terrence Higgins Trust

<http://www.tht.org.uk/>

Lists services and information available for people with AIDS and campaign information

### **Anaesthetics**

GASNet

<http://www.gasnet.eur.nl>

Has news, meetings, conferences, book reviews. Select "Global textbook of anaesthesiology" from home page. This contains an online encyclopaedia of anaesthetics. Sponsored by publishers Williams and Wilkins

### **Biology**

Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm

<http://www.mic.kise/Other.html>

Gateway to other sites but with strength in biology, anatomy, molecular biology, genetics with pages on the human genome project, microbiology including a hypertextbook of cell biology and slide collection on histology and pathology.

### **Virtual Nursing Center**

<http://www.sci.lib.uci.edu/~martindale/Nursing.html>

Includes anatomical models and diagrams

### **Bookshop**

<http://www.bookshop.co.uk>

Catalogue of over 900 000 book titles currently in print. Has the standard texts and an amazing range of specialist texts too

### **Child Abuse**

National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect

<http://www.ndacan.cornell.edu/>

Select "current holdings" for full text American reports on child abuse

### **Education**

#### **ERIC**

<http://ericir.syr.edu/Eric/>

Gives access to ERIC, the education equivalent of Medline.

It goes back to 1989. Subjects or authors can be searched for and Boolean logic used.

### **Health**

#### **Health Centre**

<http://www.healthcentre.org.uk/>

Important British gateway to other sites in nursing and midwifery and various organisations e.g. National Childbirth Trust. Lists of hospitals and trusts addresses

### **Health Education Board for Scotland**

<http://www.hebs/scot/nhs/uk>

This gives access to the data base of health articles in the library in Edinburgh and health education information in Scotland

### **Health Sciences Library System**

<http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/subjects/subjects.html>

This is an American gateway to other sites which are listed alphabetically by topic eg gastroenterology. Some sites are not available in UK and some information is local for Pittsburgh so is of limited use.

### **Health Economics**

Centre for Health Economics, University of York

<http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/che/>

News of ongoing researchg in health economics and health care costs etc.

### **Libraries**

Library of Congress Catalog

<http://lcweb.loc.gov/catalog/browse/>

Catalog for Library of Congress allowing searching by author or title etc. back to last century

### **Medline**

National Library of Medicine

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov>

This is the National Library of Medicine website started in June 1997. Select Grateful Med on the home page then select grey proceed button. This gives the search screen allowing subject searching by subject from 1966. It can be limited to English language and Nursing only.

<http://www.healthy.net/library/search/medline.htm>

This gives access to the full Medline.

Subjects can be typed in the top search box and linked with AND. Authors can also be searched for. At the bottom of the search form the search can be limited to English only.

#### Healthgate

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

This gives access to the last 2 years of Medline.

#### Midwifery

##### Midirs

<http://www.gn.apc.org/midirs/>

Gateway to other midwifery sites but some links do not seem to work!

There are abstracts for the current issue of *Midwifery Digest*. Details of services e.g. literature searching done by *Midirs* and their publications

#### Midwifery Resources on the Internet

<http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~ics/midwifery.htm>

Has links to various midwifery sites obtained by selecting midwifery resources.

There is a list of midwifery sites and it is possible to search *Yahoo!* which searches the www for topics. There are links to bulletin boards of various groups

#### Online Birth Center

<http://www.efn.org/~djz/birth/birthindex.html>

Gateway to other sites in midwifery, breast feeding and pregnancy etc.

#### National Health Service

##### Department of Health

<http://www.open.gov.uk/>

Gives access to general information about DoH, press releases in full text, Health of the Nation, circulars

#### NHS Confederation Gateway (Formerly NAHAT)

<http://www.nahat.net/gateway.htm>

Lists Internet resources by subject e.g. hospices and there is an interesting Hyperguide to the Mental Health Act. Some journals none of which are nursing are available e.g. *BMJ*. *Health Service Journal* current issue is available upon registration.

#### Nursing

##### American Journal of Nursing

<http://www.ajn.org>

Has the current contents of *AJN*, *Cancer Nursing*, *Nursing Research*

#### ENB Link

<http://www.enb.org.uk/>

Has ENB circulars in full text and publications. News of research in progress and Research Digest. Careers information.

The ENB database can be searched for articles and reports by selecting Health Care Database on home page. A useful resource.

#### MedWeb Nursing

<http://gen.emory.edu/medweb/medweb.nursing.html>

American gateway with topics in alphabetic order e.g. critical care listing various sites and contact groups under each topic also some electronic journals such as Online journal of issues in nursing

#### Nurse www Information Service

<http://med714bham.ac.uk/nursing/>

<http://medweb.bham.ac.uk/nursing>

British gateway no longer regularly updated. Has links to other sites

#### Nurseweek Healthweek

<http://www-nurseweek.webnexus.com>

General American nursing magazine

#### Nursing Bibliographies

<http://www.soton.ac.uk/~library/wml/nurlist.html>

<http://www.soton.ac.uk/~library/wml/midw.htm>

Bibliographies on nursing (nurlist) and midwifery (midw) compiled from accession to Southampton University library

#### Nursing and Health Care Resources on the Net

<http://www.shef.ac.uk/~nhcon/>

British gateway at Sheffield University to other web sites. Lists other web sites with logos in UK and abroad. Includes radiography, alternative medicine and access to recruitment agencies

#### Nursing Standard

<http://www.nursing-standard.co.uk/>

Current week's editorial, letters and news for *Nursing Standard* but not full text. Also has link to RCN home page

#### NursingNet

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

American online nursing magazine with lots of chat rather patronizing

#### Royal College of Nursing

See Nursing Standard home page at <http://www.nursing-standard.co.uk/>

#### Virtual Nursing Center

<http://www-sci.lib.uci.edu/~martindale/Nursing.html>

Excellent gateway to other sites. Based in Sydney, Australia. Has links to anatomical models and to nursing journals such as *BMJ* abstracts for past two years and *AORN Journal* for previous six months etc.

#### Virtual Nursing College

<http://www.langara.bc.ca/unc/>

Gateway to other American sites. The National Institute of Nursing Research Grants shows ongoing research in USA



**OMNI**

<http://www.omni.ac.uk>

This is an important gateway allowing searching by topics and MeSH (same as Medline) for medical, health management and patient support groups such as Age Concern. Also library catalogues such as the National Library of Medicine. Also allows access to 2 years' worth of Medline via Healthgate (see address above) and online bookshop.

**Paediatrics**

Pedinfo

<http://W3.LHL.UAB.EDU/pedinfo>

Extensive American gateway listing pediatric diseases and syndromes in alphabetical order e.g. Down syndrome and cystic fibrosis with information and links to patient support groups in USA. Under pediatric nursing, includes *Midwifery Today* and *Journal of Neonatal Nursing* abstracts.

**Pharmacology**

PharmInfoNet

Drugs can be searched for by properties e.g. anti-depressant or by chemical name or by American trade name. Indications and case histories with adverse effects are given. There is a data base of press releases.

**Psychiatry**

American Psychiatric Society

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

American Psychiatric Society news and abstracts from its journal for past year

Internet Mental Health

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

Encyclopaedia of mental health with many mental conditions listed alphabetically with pages on descriptions of symptoms and therapy. Also self help groups. Gateway to other mental health sites

Mental Health Information

<http://onlinepsych.com/mh/>

Gateway with a selection of mental health topics with further information on each and links to self help groups etc.

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[http://pharminfo.com/pin\\_hp.html](http://pharminfo.com/pin_hp.html)

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### **Psychology**

Scholarly Psychology Resources on the Web

<http://www.gasou.edu/psychweb/resource/bytopic.htm>

Gateway to other sites and academic departments in psychology. Links to other psychology sites and psychology journals with current contents

### **Social Work**

National Institute for Social Work

<http://www.nisw.org.uk/index.html>

News about the organisation and its publications including *Caredata CD ROM*. Select "full text" from home page for Briefings on various topics e.g. long-term care and various research reports

### **Sociology**

Social Science Gateway

<http://www.sosig.ac.uk/>

Important British gateway to over 1700 other network sites in social science and psychology. Information on organisations and support groups e.g. on autism, articles and data bases

### **World Health Organization**

<gopher://gopher.who.ch/>

General information and addresses about WHO but otherwise disappointing.

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