

National Rural Health Alliance E-forum - 17 September 1999

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From: Glenda Bannan <gbanna@medeserv.com.au>
Subject: Website Library

Just letting you know that our WebSite Library that has been released this week on our HomePage. The following is an overview -

"The North Queensland Rural Health Training Unit (NQRHTU), based in northern Australia, has released on to the internet, a WebSite Library. This library has over 1,000 health orientated web sites from all over the world. The WebSite library caters for clinicians, nursing, allied health professionals, indigenous health workers, medical administrators, researchers, carers and anyone involved in the health area. Each URL has a topic name (which is hyperlinked), comments on what the site has to offer and the date it was last reviewed by us. This list evolved from searches conducted on the internet for patient care. We have also gained a lot of benefit from the information posted on subscriber lists. Initially, we kept a small number of sites on a Word document, but as this number increased it was put onto a database. We feel we would like to share our database with other health care workers.

This WebSite Library is a 'living' object, in as much as it is updated and edited regularly. Users of this library have the opportunity of adding any new site they feel would enhance this library. This can be done by clicking on 'add new site'. All new sites are reviewed by the NQRHTU before being posted to the WebSite Library list.

You can find the WebSite Library on the NORTH QUEENSLAND RURAL HEALTH TRAINING UNIT 's HomePage at <http://www.medeserv.com.au/rhtut/open/home.htm> . Just click on the WebSite Library symbol."

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From: Peter Moloney <P.Moloney@unsw.edu.au>
Subject: - New Online Resource

The Rural Health Unit, School of Community Medicine, University of NSW has developed the Rural Health Education Database. The Database contains information on towns in NSW including extensive information on health sites found in those towns.

The web site contains information on the programs and activities of the Rural Health Unit. The URL is: <http://notes.med.unsw.edu.au/rural>

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From: Robert Black <robertblack@ozemail.com.au>
Subject: WHO/IBE/ILAE Global Campaign on Epilepsy - "Out of the Shadows"

One of the things I am working on is the promotion and fostering in Australia of the WHO/IBE/ILAE Global Campaign on Epilepsy - "Out of the Shadows". A key aim is to increase awareness, acceptance and response to epilepsy and to achieve priority for epilepsy as a health cum social issue at both a national and a global level.

Details of the Campaign are at <http://www.who.int/msa/mnh/nrs/neuro3.htm>

I would also like to involve the wide range of rural health organisations as well as health bodies generally. If you have any ideas on the Campaign I would be interested to hear them.

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AIHW REPORT ON INDIGENOUS MOTHERS AND THEIR BABIES

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare released the above report on 3 August 1999. The report shows that indigenous mothers have, on average, larger families, at younger ages, with lower birth weights and hence higher death rates, than their non-indigenous counterparts. The Institute press release on the report is at <http://www.aihw.gov.au/releases/1999/imba94-6.html>

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2nd INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE - PRIMARY HEALTH CARE 2000 - CREATING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

The above Conference is to be held in Melbourne, from 17 to 20 April 2000.

Program streams include: linking primary health care services, primary health care models and programs in urban and rural settings; primary health care for indigenous peoples; developing community based health promotion resources and programs, and funding and evaluating primary health care services.

A Call for Papers is currently extant, with abstracts to be submitted by 30 September 1999. Enquiries regarding abstract proposals should be directed to Hal Swerissen, Chair. Program Committee on:

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NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA WEB SITE

The National Mental Health Council of Australia has a new Web site at <http://www.mhca.com.au/home.htm>. The site provides information on the Council and its activities, including events such as National Mental Health Week to be held October 17-23 1999.

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The NRHA e-forum is edited by a third party moderator, Jim Groves. As such, the Alliance does not control postings and the contents do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Alliance or Jim Groves. Jim Groves can be contacted at grovesc@winshop.com.au.

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