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Current Contents Database via OVID

The HPD Library will not be renewing its subscription to the Current Contents database now subscribed to through OVID. Faculty and students in the past have utilized Current Contents to provide a simple and effective general interdisciplinary database search and table-of-contents alerting service. However, with most major online publishers and database vendors providing journal alert services that can save a search and email both bibliographic records and TOC listings, the database has lost its unique role as the sole database for both searches and alerts of TOC information. Additionally, there is considerable journal coverage overlap Current Contents has with the other bibliographic databases the HPD uses, such as PubMed/MEDLINE. The HPD Library Staff is here to help you search and extract the same information and functionality you received from Current Contents through other free and proprietary databases the Library has access to. If you assistance setting up alerts or updates in other databases, please call the Reference desk @x3106.

Wikis, Blogs, Podcasts- Not the Information Revolution?

Over at the Intelligent Enterprise magazine, Josh Greenberg has initiated an interesting forward-thinking discussion about “new information” sources, and their long-term prospects. In a bit of shameless self-promotion to see if you’re paying attention, my comments to his original article were accepted for publication in IE’s subsequent issue, in which I give my two cents about the authors’ assertion that “new information sources....are often just a bunch of bunk masquerading as information” (hint- I tend to agree, with caveats). In the subsequent issue of IE, Mr. Greenberg penned a follow-up article chronicling the responses to his initial article with some additional thoughts on the “new media.”

See: [“Wikis, Blogs, and Other Points of Failure”](#)

[My Comments to his article are posted here](#) (scroll down a bit)

His follow-up article, [“Application Insight: The Revolution will not be Podcast”](#) is here.

Public Health Preparedness - Rand Corporation Technical Report

From the Summary: “In this study, we examine different models for coordination that local health departments and general acute-care hospitals have employed to improve public health preparedness. The study’s aims are to (1) describe those aspects of public health preparedness on which local health departments and hospitals are focusing their coordination efforts; (2) examine how these relationships have changed over time; (3) identify factors that facilitate or hinder coordination; (4) understand how funding affects coordination; (5) identify the mechanisms, policies, and procedures that have been demonstrated to be effective in coordinating the public health preparedness activities of local health departments and hospitals; and (6) suggest strategies to improve coordination between local health departments and hospitals and the integration of their preparedness activities.

Key recommendations include critical success factors that local organizations can apply, as well as recommendations for state- and federal-level officials to facilitate coordination.”

Source: Rand Corporation

See: [Public Health Preparedness: Integrating Public Health and Hospital Preparedness Programs](#)

Personal Health Records - AARP Study

From the Summary: “This study provides a scan of the Personal Health Records (PHR) marketplace between April and November 2005. Among the issues considered in the study are: how the PHRs are accessed by users (e.g., Internet-based or PC-based); subscription costs; the content of the PHR; and privacy policies applicable to each product. In addition, the author identifies questions about PHR products that need to be addressed in the future, such as the experience of users with particular products and the need for further investigation of privacy policies and data security; she recommends that PHR development and use should be monitored to learn how/whether consumers use this type of decision tool”.

Source: AARP Policy & Research

See: [Personal Health Records: an Overview of What Is Available To the Public](#)

Internet Resource of the Month- Grey Literature Report

The New York Academy of Medicine Library's Grey Literature Report is a notification service alerting readers to new grey literature publications in the field of health and science policy, public health, and health of minorities and special populations.

The Grey Literature Report is distributed via email on a bimonthly basis. The most recent Grey Literature Report (Vol. 8, No. 3, May 2006) is now available at <http://www.nyam.org/library/glrv8n3.shtml>

See: <http://www.greylit.org>

To subscribe to the Grey Literature Report, complete the online registration form at http://www.greylit.org/grey_lit/subscribe.php

Patients need help finding medical information, U-M study finds

Cancer patients were much more successful in obtaining medical information about their disease when consulting with medical librarians, in spite of their availability to access the Internet, a new University of Michigan study reports.

See: http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2006-05/uomh-pnh051806.php