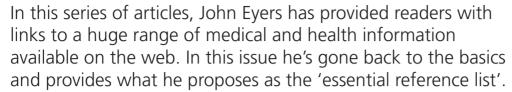
The starter pack to a fountain of knowledge





It is now 3 years since I began writing on information resources for each issue of *Africa Health*, and in that time I have listed quite a few websites etc of particular relevance to health professionals in Africa. Perhaps it is now time to take stock and identify from these resources a selected list which could be considered for keeping at hand in an Internet browser's Favourites or Bookmarks file.

Listed below is a selection of Internet-based health and medical resources arranged according to subject or type of resource. If you consider any of these worthy of your Favorites file, the quickest way would be accessing online this issue of *Africa Health* (http://www.africa-health.com/latest_issues.html), identifying this article and clicking and adding each link you wish to keep in your Favorites file, or alternatively, adding the whole article. This will save typing out each URL from the print issue.

Gateway/Starting Points

Essential Health Links – http://www.healthnet.org/essential-links/

Hinari – http://www.who.int/hinari/en/

Africa (Stanford University) – http://www-sul.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/health.html

Antwerp Institute of Tropical Medicine – http://lib.itg.be/biblinks.htm#med

Databases

Pubmed - http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/

Popline – http://www.popline.org/

Cochrane Library - http://www.thecochranelibrary.com/view/0/index.html

Reproductive Health Library – http://apps.who.int/rhl/en/

WHO Global Health Library – http://www.globalhealthlibrary.net/php/index.php

TRIP Evidence – http://www.tripdatabase.com/

Google Scholar – http://scholar.google.co.uk/

Discussion/Email Lists

HIFA2015 – http://www.hifa2015.org/hifa2015–forum/

CHILD2015 - http://www.hifa2015.org/child2015-forum/

Afro-Nets - http://www.afronets.org/

Full-text Articles/Books

Hinari – http://www.who.int/hinari/en/

Pubmed Central – http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/

FreeMedicalJournals – http://www.freemedicaljournals.com/

Highwire - http://highwire.stanford.edu/lists/devecon.dtl

BMJ Journals – http://group.bmj.com/group/customerservice/hinari/

Directory of Open–Access Journals – http://www.doaj.org/doaj?func=subject&cpid=20

BioMedCentral Journals - http://www.biomedcentral.com/developingcountries/

FreeBooks4Doctors - http://www.freebooks4doctors.com/

Hesperian Health Guides – http://hesperian.org/books-and-resources/

Data/Statistics

WHO Statistics – http://www.who.int/research/en/

Demographic & Health Surveys - http://www.measuredhs.com/

UNAIDS - http://www.unaids.org/en/dataanalysis/

As a member of HIFA2015 (http://www.hifa2015.org/), John Eyers believes one of the biggest challenges for improved health in less-developed countries is ensuring that equal access to appropriate and evidence-based health information is made available to all. To contact John email johneyers@hotmail.com

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Continuing Education/Guidelines

Epidemiology Supercourse – http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/

International Guideline Library – http://www.g-i-n.net/library/international-guidelines-library/

WHO Guidelines - http://www.who.int/publications/guidelines/en/index.html

MSF Clinical Guidelines - http://www.refbooks.msf.org/MSF Docs/En/Clinical Guide/CG en.pdf

Health Sciences Online - http://hso.info

African Open Education – http://www.oerafrica.org/healthoer/FindOER/tabid/1862/Default.aspx

Selected Specialties

Cardiology

http://emedicine.medscape.com/cardiology

http://www.procor.org/clinical/

http://www.who.int/topics/cardiovascular_diseases/en

Child Health

http://www.kznhealth.gov.za/chrp/guidelines.htm

http://www.ichrc.org/reviews.html

http://emedicine.medscape.com/pediatrics_general

HIV/AIDS

http://www.who.int/topics/hiv_aids/en/index.html

http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu/InSite http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/hiv/index.php

Infectious Diseases

http://lib.itg.be/biblinks.htm#med

http://www.who.int/topics/infectious_diseases/en/

http://emedicine.medscape.com/infectious_diseases/

Mental Health

http://www.who.int/mental_health/evidence/atlas/en/

http://www.wfmh.com/01Links.htm

Public Health

http://www.thelancet.com/collections/public-health?collexcode=125

http://www.who.int/workforcealliance/knowledge/region_afro/en/index.html

Reproductive/Sexual Health

http://www.k4health.org/resources

http://www.arhp.org/publications-and-resources/core

http://www.pathfinder.org/publications-tools/

http://www.glowm.com/?p=glowm.cml/contents

Surgery

http://ptolemy.library.utoronto.ca/surgery-in-africa

http://www.medmatrix.org/ SPages/Surgery.asp

http://www.surgical-tutor.org.uk/default-home.htm

http://www.who.int/surgery/publications/en/SCDH.pdf

The one not to forget! www.africa-health.com



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