

Diabetes Information Technology & WebWatch

General Resources

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THIS COLUMN IS DESIGNED to keep readers informed of the ever-expanding number of resources related to diabetes on the World Wide Web. The aim is to bring together in some semblance of order sources of information that are scattered all over the Internet. Searches on Excite and InfoSeek in November 1998 using the word "diabetes" both produced lists of well over 60,000 Web pages. A search on AltaVista yielded a staggering 719,000 pages.

Clearly monitoring or keeping track of such an enormous range of pages is completely impractical. Furthermore, it needs to be recognized that there is a great deal of dubious quality "medical" material on the Web. This is as true in the diabetes field, as in other branches of medicine. Therefore, where possible, emphasis in this column will be given to major sites storing diabetes information, and sources of recognized quality.

Over the coming issues the aim of this column will be to cover the main areas of interest of *Diabetes Technology & Therapeutics*. To get the first column of the first issue underway a series of general diabetes Web site addresses are provided. To fit in as many as possible—descriptions are not included. However the names should be reasonably self-explanatory. These are all top sites from around the world containing a wealth of diabetes information. Web site URLs (addresses) are shown underlined.

CHARITIES/ORGANIZATIONS

American Diabetes Association (ADA)

<http://www.diabetes.org>

<http://www.diabetes.org/Publications> (on-line journals)

Juvenile Diabetes Foundation

<http://www.jdfcure.org>

American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE)

<http://www.aadenet.org>

American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE)

<http://www.aace.com>

World Health Organisation (WHO) Home page

<http://www.who.int>

<http://www.who.int/ncd/dia/dia-nlet.htm> ("World Diabetes" newsletter)

Diabetes Education and Research Center

<http://www.libertynet.org/~diabetes>

International Diabetes Federation (IDF)

<http://www.idf.org>

<http://www.idf.org/public/bulletin.htm> (IDF Bulletin)

<http://www.idf.org/public/public.htm> (IDF publications)

Endocrine Society (USA)

<http://www.endo-society.org>

International Diabetic Athletes Association

<http://www.diabetes-exercise.org>

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Diabetes home page

<http://www.niddk.nih.gov/health/diabetes/diabetes.htm>

Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Diabetes home page

<http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/ddt/ddthome.htm>

Amputation Prevention Global Resource Center

<http://www.diabetesresource.com>

Diabetic Retinopathy Foundation

<http://retinopathy.org>

Center for Podiatric Medicine's "The Diabetic Foot"

<http://www.infowest.com/sites/p/podiatry/medical/index.html>

British Diabetic Association (BDA)

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

Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA)

<http://www.diabetes.ca>

International Diabetes Institute (Melbourne, Australia)

<http://www.idi.org.au>

Diabetes New Zealand

<http://www.diabetes.org.nz>

GENERAL DIABETES WEB SITES

"Diabetes UK"

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

"Diabetic DataCentre" (UK)

<http://www.demon.co.uk/diabetic>

"Diabetes Monitor"

<http://www.diabetesmonitor.com>

“Children with Diabetes”

<http://www.childrenwithdiabetes.com>

“Diabetes Interview” (monthly magazine)

<http://www.diabetesworld.com>

“CompuServe Diabetes and Hypoglycemia Forum”

<http://tenbrooks11.lanminds.com>

“Doctor’s Guide to Diabetes Information & Resources”

<http://www.pslgroup.com/diabetes.htm>

“Banting Museum & Education Center” (Ontario, Canada)

<http://www.diabetes.ca/atoz/banting/banting.htm>

“Discovery of Insulin On-line Resource Center”

<http://web.idirect.com/~discover>

“misc.health.diabetes” usenet group frequently asked questions

<http://www.landfield.com/faqs/diabetes>

“Diabetes Center”

<http://diabetes.sciweb.com>

“Famous Diabetics”

<http://www.dvdol.com/~goode/Famedia.htm>

DIABETES COMPANIES

Eli Lilly and Co.

<http://www.lilly.com/diabetes>

LifeScan Inc.

<http://www.lifescan.com>

Novo Nordisk

<http://www.novo.dk> (Denmark)

<http://www.novo-nordisk.com> (USA)

Becton Dickinson and Co.

<http://www.bd.com/diabetes>

Boehringer Mannheim’s Diabetes Life Network

<http://www.diabeteslife.net>

Abbott Laboratories

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

MiniMed Technologies (insulin pumps)

<http://www.minimed.com>

Bayer Corporation

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

STAYING UP-TO-DATE

The World Wide Web is constantly changing, and being updated. Some sites cease to function or change Web addresses. Therefore, any printed list of Internet information will necessarily become out of date. A site with up-to-date information about the latest diabetes resources on the Web is:

Rick Mendosa's "On-line Diabetes Resources"

<http://www.mendoza.com/diabetes.htm>

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Application of information technology in clinical diabetes care

Special Journal Issues (1996 & 1997)

<http://www.tandf.co.uk/jnls/mif221.htm>

AIDA—interactive educational diabetes simulator (freeware)

<http://www.diabetic.org.uk/aida.htm>

AIDA on-line—interactive diabetes simulations in a Web browser window

<http://www.shodor.org/aida>

If you would like to suggest additional Web sites for future issues of *Diabetes WebWatch*, please email information—with a brief description of the site—to Eldon D. Lehmann: aida@globalnet.co.uk (please write *Diabetes WebWatch* in the subject line). You can also fax information to: (650) 697-7703, quoting *Diabetes WebWatch*.

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