

Internet Sites of Interest

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Diabetes, and, at the end of the article, one brief piece about meningitis

In 2005, almost 4.67% of the population of England had diagnosed or undiagnosed diabetes (Yorkshire and Humber Public Health Observatory and National Diabetes Support Team, 2006). By 2010, this could rise to 5.5%. The WHO estimates that more than 180 million people worldwide have diabetes, a number likely to double by 2030. In 2005, an estimated 1.1 million people worldwide died from diabetes, with 80% of those deaths occurring in low or middle income countries (World Health Organization, 2006).

I am grateful to my colleague Sarah Sutton, Clinical Librarian for Diabetes (and many other things) at the University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust, for suggesting some of the sites in this article. The final selection is, of course, mine. All links were checked on 8th May 2008.

Note: Blood glucose levels are measured in different units in the USA and the UK. (I think: in the UK, in millimoles per litre, and in the USA in milligrams per decilitre – but please don't quote me on this! I do not know what units are used elsewhere). Please bear this in mind when using the sites listed below. Thanks to Julie Ryder for pointing this out.

American College of Physicians Diabetes Portal

<http://diabetes.acponline.org/?hp>

Resources for patients and families, and for health professionals.

American Diabetes Association

<http://www.diabetes.org/home.jsp>

Research, information and advocacy organisation. Planet D is for kids, there are resources for schools and teenagers, and much more.

BBC Health: Diabetes

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/health/conditions/diabetes/index.shtml>.

Includes categorised links to support organisations, and recipes and dietary information

British Society for Paediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes

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

Patient information and information for health professionals.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Diabetes Public Health Resource

<http://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/>

Patient information, and information for professionals including data and trends.

Children with Diabetes

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

Online community for children and families, based in Ohio, and started in 1995.

Diabetes nursing resource (RCN)

<http://www.rcn.org.uk/development/practice/diabetes>

Information for nurses, patients and carers.

Diabetes Round Table

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

Diabetes information and CME. Sponsored site, but conforming to HON Code.

Diabetes Stories

<http://www.diabetes-stories.co.uk/>

Oral histories from patients diagnosed with diabetes between 1927 and 1997, website based at the Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism (<http://www.ocdem.com/index.php>).

Diabetes Trials Unit

<http://www.dtu.ox.ac.uk/>

Large clinical trials unit, also based at the Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism. DTU site includes details of trials conducted there, and downloadable software for calculating risk of cardiovascular disease in individuals with diabetes, and for assessing total burden of disease for populations with diabetes.

Diabetes UK

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

Major UK research and campaigning organisation.

Genetic Landscape of Diabetes

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/bv.fcgi?rid=diabetes.TOC&depth=1>

Dated 2004, ebook hosted by NCBI and containing information on genetics of diabetes, along with links to related lectures.

International Diabetes Federation

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

Worldwide alliance of organisations, site includes data from the Diabetes Atlas, and a worldwide list of events.

Joslin Diabetes Center

<http://www.joslin.org/index.htm>

Site includes clinical guidelines, dietary information, resources for the newly diagnosed and a lot of information specific to this centre, affiliated to Harvard.

LeicestershireDiabetes.org.uk

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

From the Department of Diabetes and Endocrinology at the University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust, which aims to be a centre of excellence in the UK. Information for patients, including information on pregnancy and diabetes, and links to websites for children.

Medical Library Association: Deciphering diabetes medspeak

<http://www.mlanet.org/pdf/diabetes1.pdf>

Glossary compiled by the Medical Library Association, includes list of abbreviations used on prescriptions – maybe be North American biased?

MedlinePlus: Diabetes

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/diabetes.html>

Related pages, on topics such as diabetes and pregnancy, diabetic eye problems, diabetic foot.

National Diabetes Education Program

<http://ndep.nih.gov/>

NDEP is funded by the United States federal government. Resources for health care professionals, school personnel and business and managed care, including some patient education material in Asian languages (Chinese, Thai, Vietnamese among them)

National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse

<http://diabetes.niddk.nih.gov/>

Part of the National Institute for Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. Large range of resources, including information in Spanish.

National Diabetes Support Team

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

Set up to support healthcare professionals as they implement the Diabetes National Service Framework.

National Library for Health Diabetes Specialist Library

<http://www.library.nhs.uk/diabetes/>

High quality information for professionals but also includes patient information. Browse by subject, or search. Includes long list of associations and information on such things as diabetes and alcohol, driving, Christmas and Ramadan.

NHS Scotland e-library: diabetes

<http://www.elib.scot.nhs.uk/portal/diabetes/pages/index.aspx>

UK Diabetes Research Network

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

Clinical research.

World Health Organization: Diabetes

<http://www.who.int/diabetes/en/>

For diabetes patient information in languages other than English, you could try:

The 24 Languages Project (Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library, University of Utah)

<http://library.med.utah.edu/24languages/>

Ethnomed

http://ethnomed.org/ethnomed/patient_ed/index.html#diabetes

Health Information Translations

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

Ohio State University Medical Center, and other bodies.

New South Wales Multicultural Health Communication Service

<http://www.mhcs.health.nsw.gov.au/mhcs/topics/Diabetes.html>

New York Online Access to Health (NOAH)

<http://www.noah-health.org/>

Spanish only.

NHS Direct

<http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk/>

See "Health information in other languages" in left hand column of homepage

SPIRAL: Selected Patient Information Resources in Asian Languages

<http://spiral.tufts.edu/topic.html#diabetes>

"Asian" = Cambodian (Khmer), Chinese, Hmong, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Thai, Vietnamese. An initiative of South Cove Community Health Center, and Tufts University Hirsh Health Sciences Library, both in Boston, Massachusetts.

Meningitis

On another note, the recent coverage in the education press about meningitis among higher education students made me compile a resources list that you can find via

<http://www2.le.ac.uk/Members/khn5>, and as a collection of links at

<http://del.icio.us/cslibrarians/meningitis>.

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Suggestions for future columns and comments on this one are most welcome!

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