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Newly announced websites, documents, mailing lists and other resources, selected by Intute: Health and Life Sciences. Visit <www.intute.ac.uk/healthandlifesciences/> for more details.

Further Information: PDF documents require the Adobe Acrobat Reader, which can be downloaded from <www.adobe.co.uk/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>.

POSTnote: Autism
<www.parliament.uk/documents/upload/postpn302.pdf>

This document, published in February 2008 (as postnote 302) by the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology, describes autism and autism research, and considers policy approaches. The Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (POST) is an office of both Houses of Parliament, which provides an independent and balanced analysis of public policy issues that have a basis in science and technology.

HeartPodcast.org

HeartPodcast.org is an educational resource providing free access for medical professionals and the general public to a collection of podcasts (audio and visual files) covering the latest developments and insights into heart rhythm disorders, cardiovascular diseases, their diagnosis and their treatment. Each podcast is between 15 and 30 minutes in length and can be viewed or listened to on a PC or portable media player. There are currently (April 2008) more than 35 podcasts available. Information is provided on how to view and download podcasts, free podcast receiving software, the medical professionals responsible for maintaining this resource, how to subscribe to a news alert (notification of new releases to the collection), and links to other Web resources.

SciDev.Net: Antibiotic Resistance
<www.scidev.net/en/health/antibiotic-resistance>

This Web resource on antibiotic resistance and the challenges facing developing countries trying to combat killer diseases such as typhoid fever and tuberculosis has been produced by SciDev.Net (the Science and Development Network), a not-for-profit organisation which provides reliable, authoritative information about science and technology for the developing world. Issues covered include surveillance systems, research and development, diagnostic laboratories, FAQs on antibiotic resistance, and links to key reports, discussion papers, and policy papers and regulatory issues.

Management of upper limb disorders and the biopsychosocial model
<www.hse.gov.uk/research/rrpdf/rr596.pdf>

A 124-page research report prepared by AK Burton from the University of Huddersfield, plus other authors from several institutions. It was published by the Health and Safety Executive in 2008, used a best-evidence synthesis to review the evidence on management strategies for work-relevant upper limb disorders, and established the extent to which a biopsychosocial model can be applied. The document includes an executive summary, introduction, methodology, findings, the biopsychosocial model, interpretation, future directions and key messages, references and appendices.

Mental health and ill-health in doctors
<www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsand statistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicy AndGuidance/DH_083066>

This 36-page report looks at mental health and ill-health in doctors, and the influencing factors. The report was published by the UK Department of Health in 2008, and outlines ways in which the NHS can provide appropriate services, and encourages doctors and other healthcare workers to seek early advice and support for mental health problems. The contents include a foreword and introduction, a section on mental ill-health in doctors (including risk, stressors and risk factors, stigma, and impact on care), current occupational health and other support services available, facilities needed (accessible and appropriate services, promoting mental health and well-being in doctors), appendices and references.

An ageing population: education and practice preparation for nursing students learning to work with older people
<www.rcn.org.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0006/149739/003222.pdf>

This educational resource pack was published by the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) in February 2008. This resource was developed by Age Concern England (ACE) and the RCN with the aim of promoting the need for leadership, effective mentoring, best practice and positive images of nursing older people. The pack contains ideas and resources which can be used by nursing students. Links to useful organisations and government websites are also included.

Women's Health Resources from the National Library of Medicine
<http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/outreach/wome nshealthoverview.html>

This Web resource provides scientists and consumers with authoritative information on significant topics in women's health research. Launched by the National Library of Medicine (NLM) in March 2008, this resource contains information taken from scientific journals and other peer-reviewed sources. Within each section there is a specific health topic with links to resources which were selected based upon their relevance and authority for the specific topic.