Evidence Based Dentistry

Clinical decisions and search for evidence

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On what do we base our clinical decisions when we're uncertain?

- on reasoning?
- on anecdotes?
- on own clinical practice?
- on press cuttings?
- on expert opinions?
- on cost minimization?
 - on critically appraised new information?



A patho-physiological approach: this makes sense...

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 I learned this worked / didn't work...

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Clinical experience = clinical knowledge?

"The expression "it works in my hands" seems to serve as a standard of validity for some people, despite the fact that a positive clinical response may be obtained either because of, in spite of, or irrespective of the treatment rendered."

(Charles Greene, 1976)

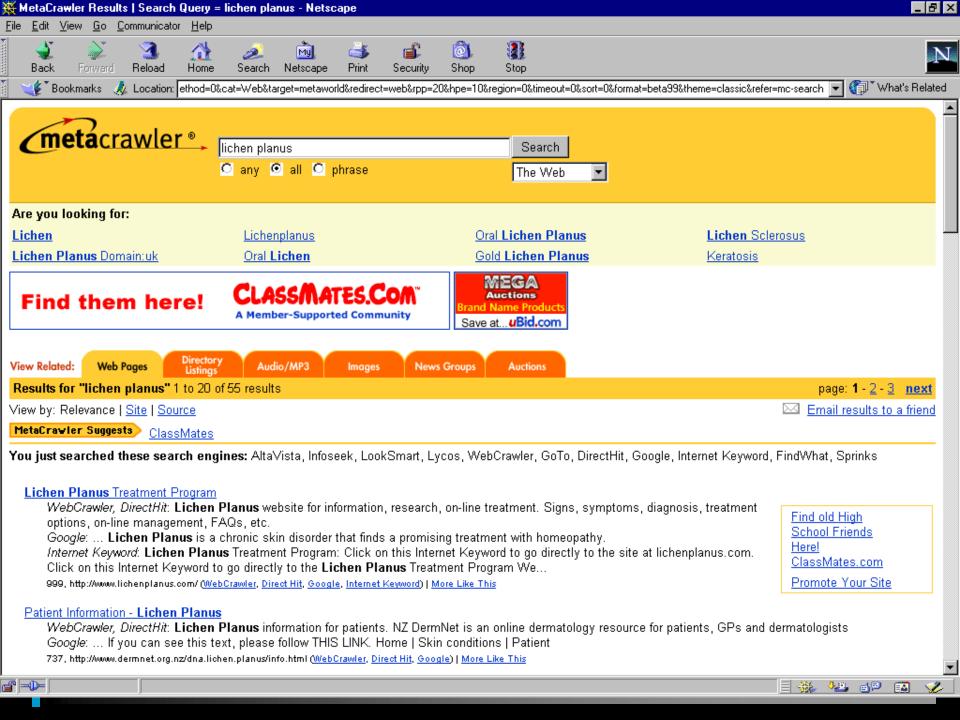
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- A consultant approach: maybe I can ask a few colleagues I work with....

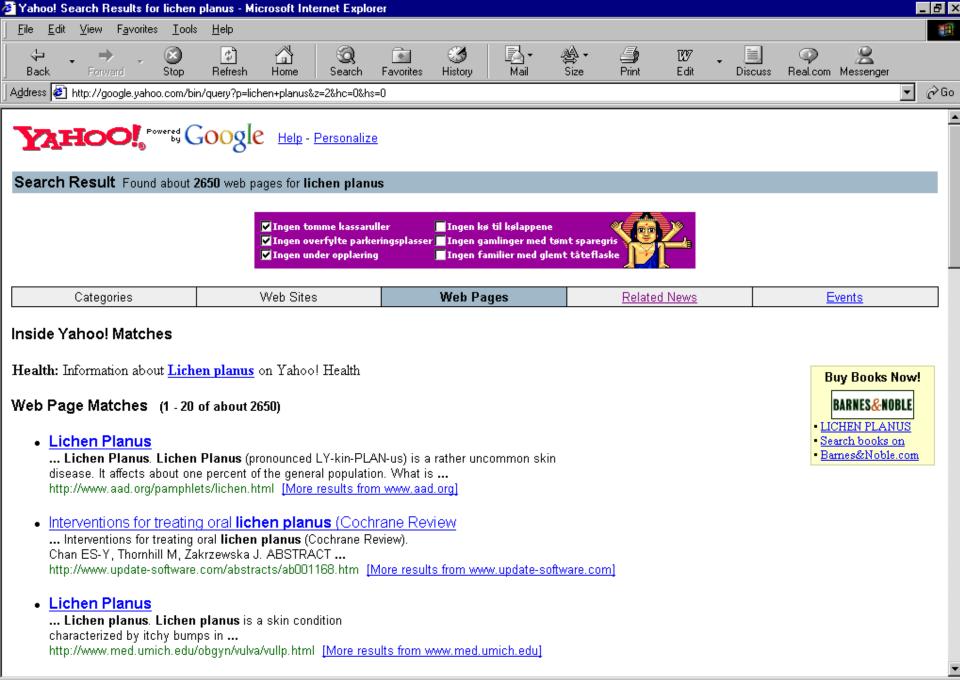
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- A textbook approach:
 - Are my textbooks and articles updated?
 - Can I find them?
 - Do they give strong support for decisions?

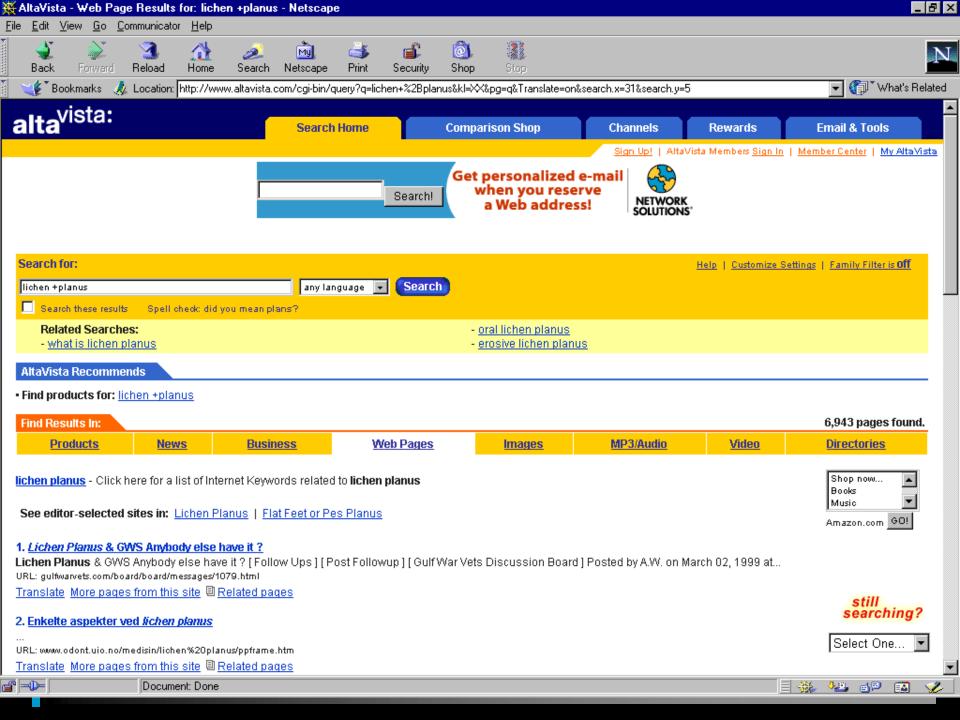
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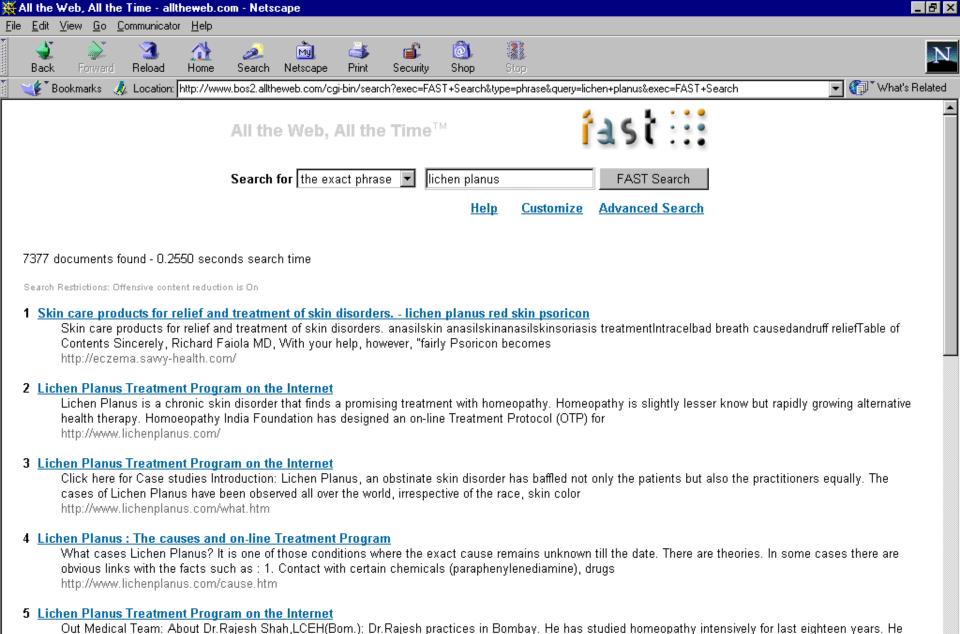
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General search









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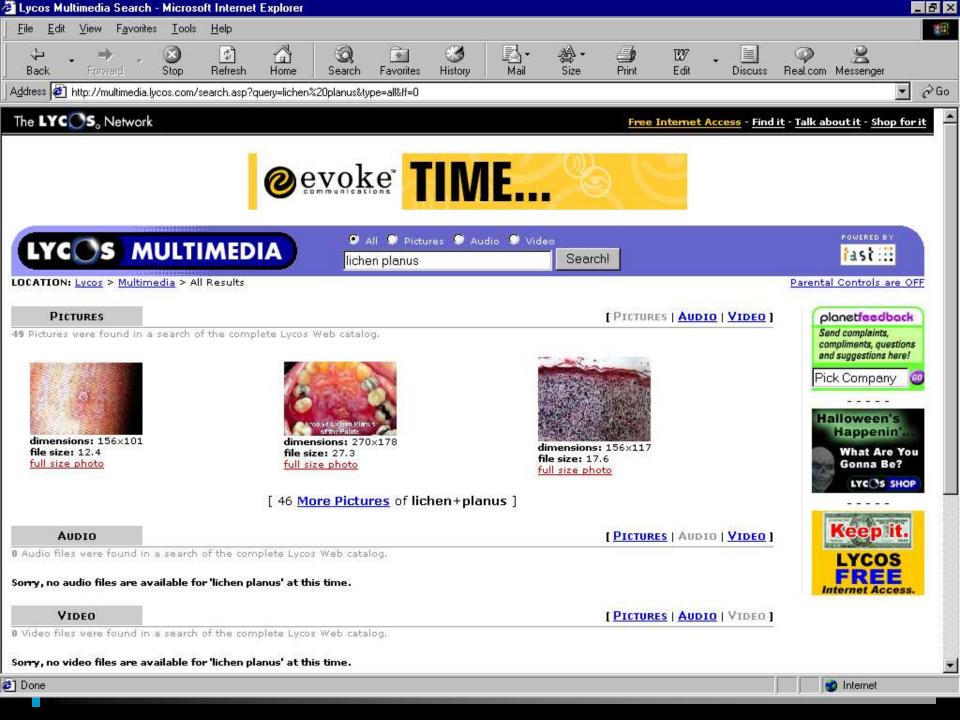
has vast clinical experience. Dr. Rajesh is an internationally acclaimed teacher and clinician. His generous











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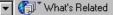
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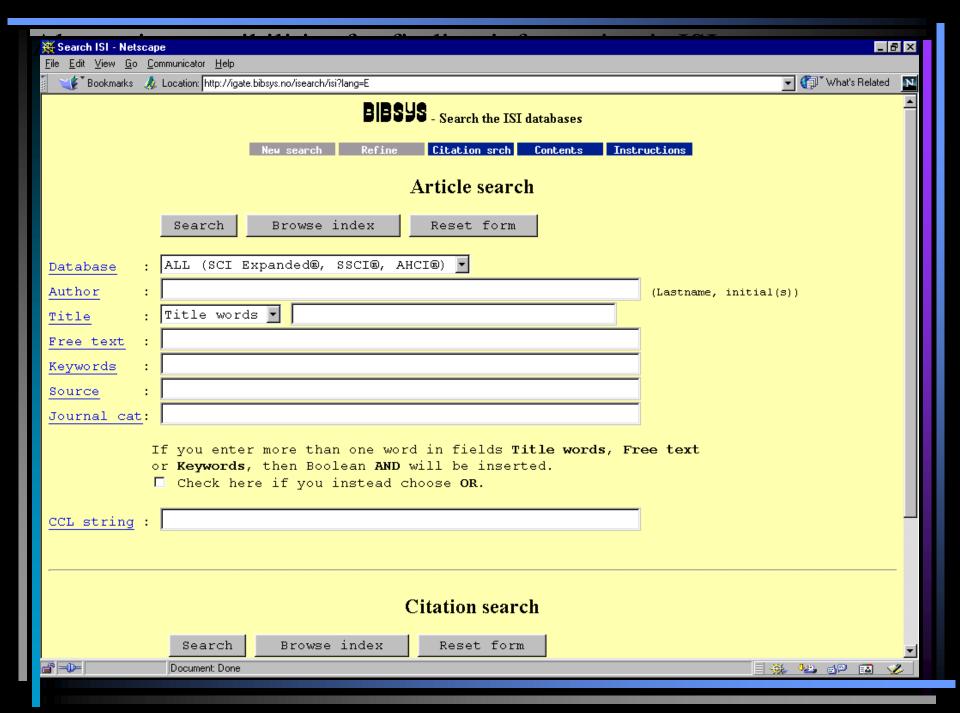


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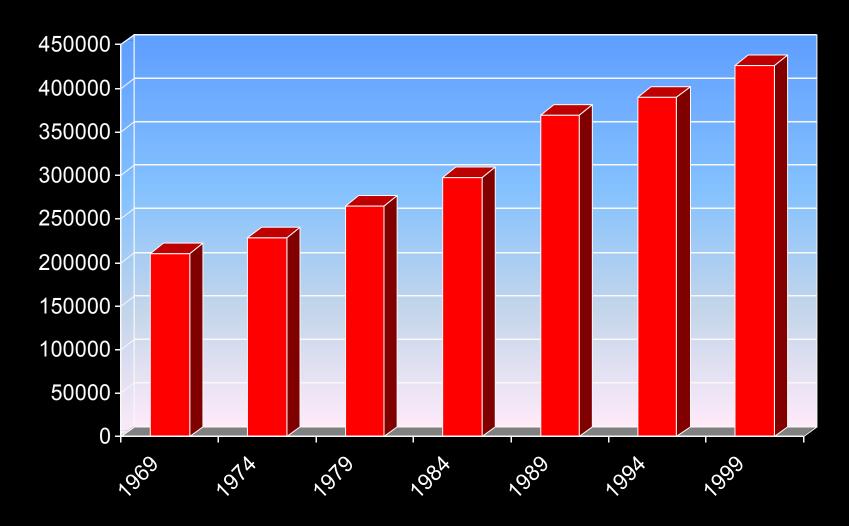
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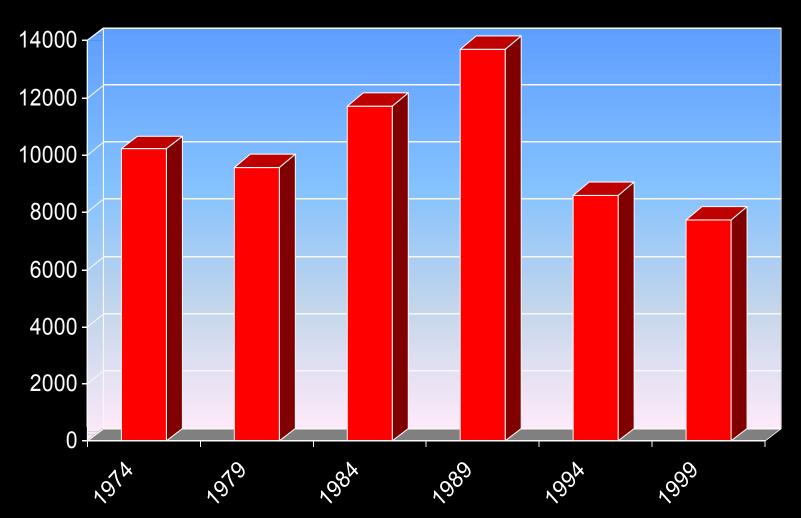
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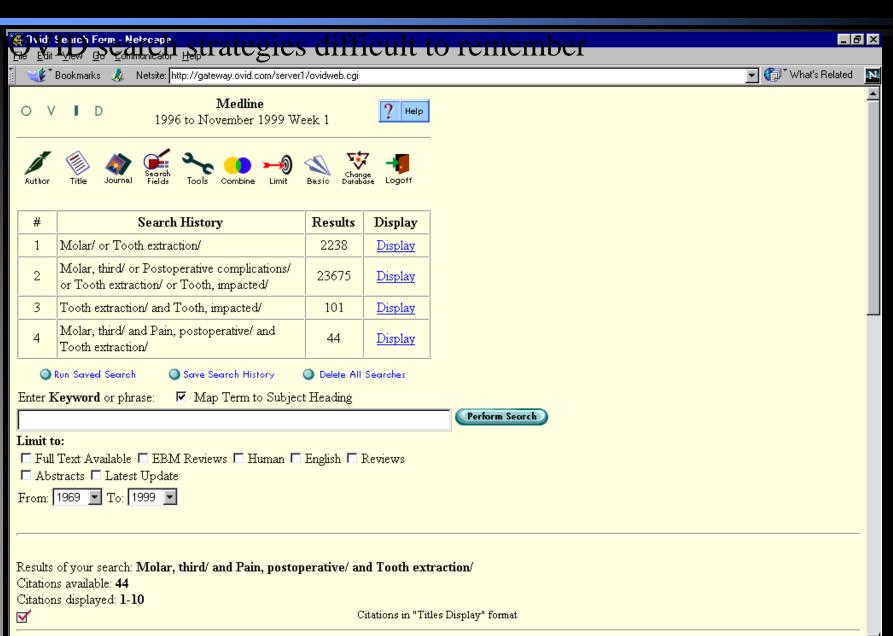


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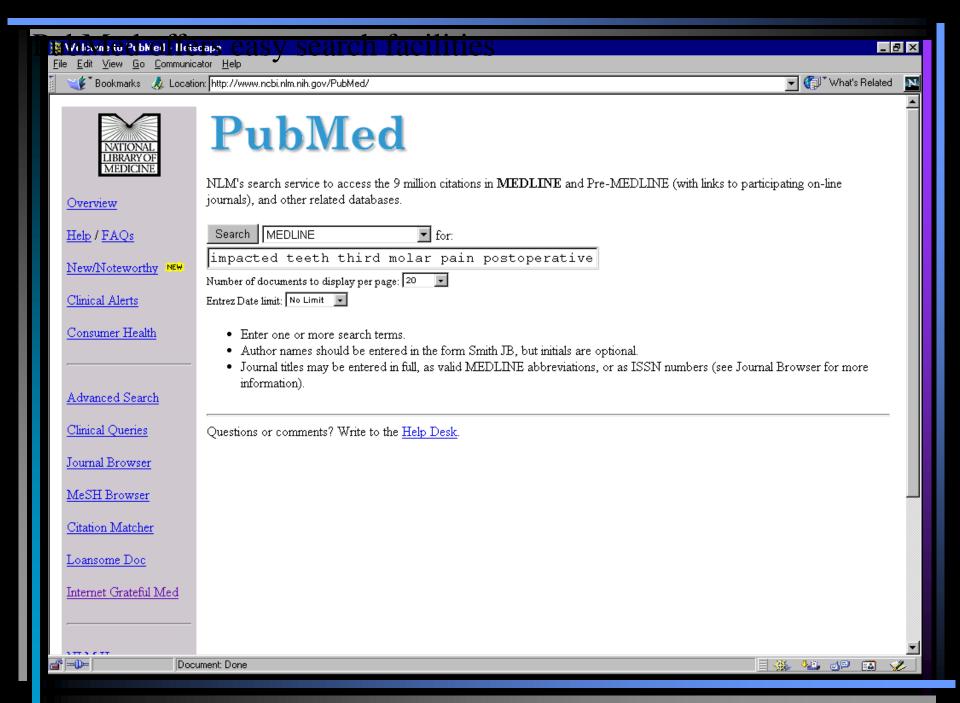
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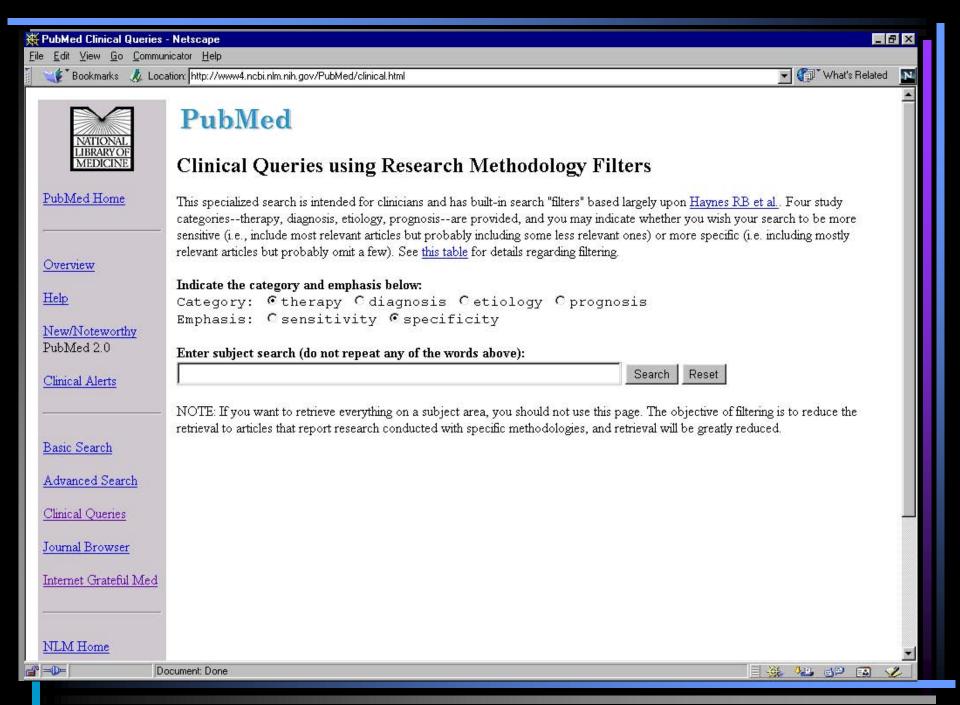
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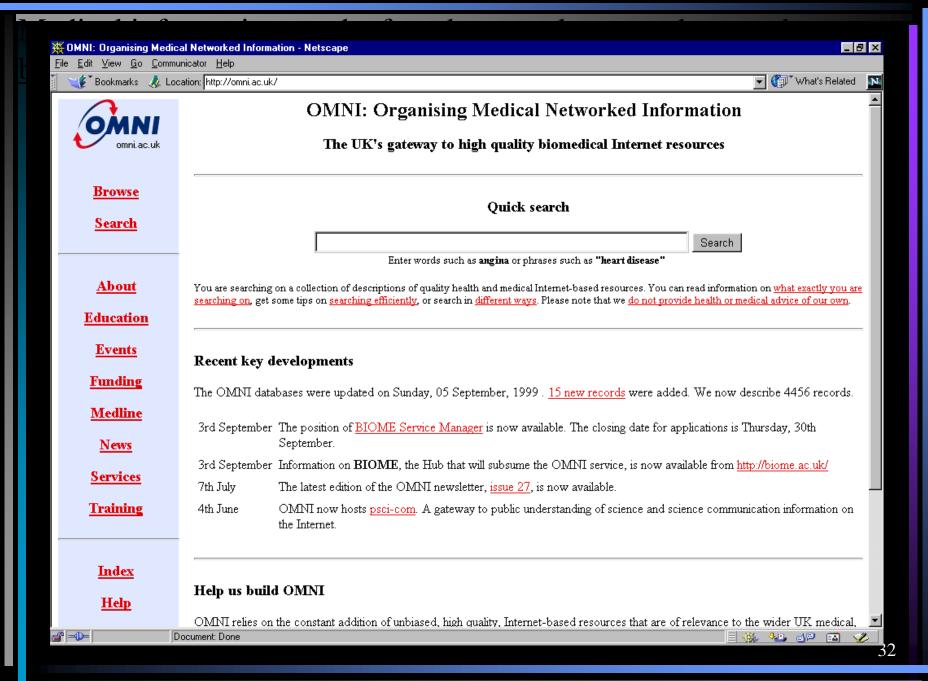
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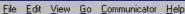
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 - Embase, Cinahl
- Medical metasite searching





















































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The Megasite Project: A Metasite Comparing Health Information Megasites

& Search Engines



P. F. Anderson, Nancy Allee, Jean Chung, Brian Westra, University of Michigan















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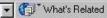






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Status of current Cochrane Oral Health Group reviews - 7.2001

- 5 systematic reviews
- 22 protocols
- 4 protocols out with referees
- 20 titles registered

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