Second Life in Medical and Health Education
A Quick Visual Tour

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Now with Voice!*

*In voice-enabled places

Note: The jagged edges in some of the screenshots in this presentation are due to the fact that they were taken in Second Life running on a low-end machine, with a low-end graphics card (Intel GMA 900). Graphics look much better on high-end NVIDIA (and other) cards, with card driver settings like Antialiasing, Anisotropic Filtering, Transparency Antialiasing all enabled and set to an adequate values (something low-end cards cannot handle).
How to evaluate health information sources

- There's nothing wrong with plugging terms into Yahoo or Google - as long as you learn a bit about evaluating what you find.
- What makes a health information source a good one?
  * You can tell who posted or created the info (responsibility)
  * You can tell how recently the website was updated (currency)
  * You can easily find out how to contact the site owners, because there's an e-mail link on the site (usually at the bottom)
  * If there's commercial content, it's carefully kept separate from the information, clearly marked as advertisement.
Alliance Library System Receives Grant to Provide Consumer Health Information Services in Virtual World

The Alliance Library System (ALS) is pleased to announce that the National Library of Medicine/Greater Midwest Region has awarded ALS a $40,000 grant to provide consumer health information services in the virtual world of Second Life. ALS is working on the project in partnership with the University of Illinois Library of the Health Sciences-Peoria, Central Medical Library, University Medical Center Groningen (UMCG) in the Netherlands, and TAP Information Services.

Second Life (http://www.secondlife.com) is a booming virtual world with over 2 million residents.

"By providing reliable information to people at point-of-need we hope that consumers will make better informed decisions that will affect their health care and quality of life."

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Health * Wellness * Knowledge * Empowerment * Support * Community * Collaboration
Talk for Memories
A six-part podcast series by the Alzheimer Society of Ontario
Host: Wayne MacPhail
(Medium Helvetic)
News feed in Second Life
Consumer Health Information

PubMed Search

Google News

Touch here for a teleport to the NEW Consumer Health Library

http://feeds.feedburner.com/google-news
Consumer Health Information

Providing Consumer Health Information to Support Groups

PubMed Search

Google News - Health
No Link Between Abortion, Miscarriage and Breast Cancer - PopSec

Tag here to access the New Consumer Health Library
Preparedness

People Prepared for Emerging Health Threats
People in all communities will be protected from infectious, occupational, environmental, and terrorist threats.
Coronary heart disease is caused by atherosclerosis, the narrowing of the coronary arteries due to fatty buildups of plaque. It's likely to produce chest pain, heart attack or both.
UPCOMING DISCUSSION GROUPS
These discussion groups are open to everyone and free of charge.

ON VACATION - 4/6 (Mon)

Relationships in SL & RL (Craig Kamenec) - 4/6 (Mon) @ 8pm PST/LT
Conquering Social Anxiety (Craig Kamenec) - 4/7 (Mon) @ 8pm PST/LT

For group notices and reminders of upcoming groups, join the POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH group.
For information on our cybertherapy services, go to: www.drrylex.com/cybertherapy.html

Book Review: Feeling Good
By Susan Kamenev, Guest Reviewer

Feeling Good: The New Mood Therapy (1980, revised, 1999)

Feeling Good is a 4 million-copy bestseller written by Dr. David Burns, and is the book most frequently "prescribed" for depressed patients by psychiatrists and psychologists in the United States and Canada. Surveys indicate that American mental health professionals rate Feeling Good as the #1 book on depression. The book claims to show you how to "Overcome Depression, Conquer Anxiety, and Enjoy Greater Emotional Intelligence."
Quality issues: Like in the conventional World Wide Web, quackery should always be considered a possibility in Second Life!
Thanks!

• An electronic copy of this presentation can be downloaded at:
  http://healthcybermap.org/sl.htm