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Launch of the AIC/CAN Virtual Library

The combined Access Information Centre/Country AIDS Network Internet book and video catalog will be launched on 28 November 2002.

We're very excited to see this project finally coming to fruition. A few years ago, people from the HIV and hepatitis community asked for an Internet catalog of the resources at Access Information Centre and the Country AIDS Network. This project takes the concept one step further.

The result? A virtual library of AIC and CAN resources, with library services online. Anyone anywhere in Victoria will be able to look up the catalog of AIC and CAN resources on the Internet. If you see a resource you fancy, you can drop in to borrow it – or you can click a button and arrange to have the resource sent to your home address. If you are not already a registered borrower at the AIC or CAN, and you have a long-term interest in HIV or hepatitis, you can join up as a borrower over the Internet. So wherever you are in Victoria and however you prefer to get your information, you will have access to book and video resources at both Access Information Centre and CAN.

This project is a collaborative effort to provide a statewide library and lending service to the HIV and hepatitis communities from the two major community resource centres in Victoria. It is the result of a couple of years' work to create a system and a database that would suit the two libraries and represents many hours cataloguing the resources. The catalog

Welcome to the eighth edition of the *Access Information Centre Bulletin*. The *Bulletin* is aimed at keeping you up-to-date with the current developments in the Access Information Centre. It also brings you details on the Access Information Centre's recently acquired resources.



is the start of an ongoing partnership between the two libraries. We are proud to be able to launch our new library service and we hope you can make it to the launch – or try out the Virtual Library from your PC!

What the catalog can do for you

Where to find it

Go to our web page
www.accessinfo.org.au
Go to the **AIC Library** page
Click the **Book & Video Catalog** button



Look for
Books
Videos
Reports

Search by **keyword** and/or **author**



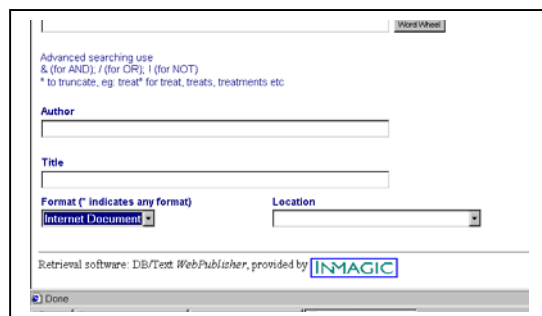
What if you only want videos?

You can specify **video** format on the search page

What if you only want Internet documents?

Choose **Internet document** from the Format box on the search page. We are including the URL of materials available in Internet format so that you can search the catalog, find the item, click on the web address and access the full-text version on the Internet from your desktop.

(very useful for government reports or strategies or ARCShS reports – give it a try!)



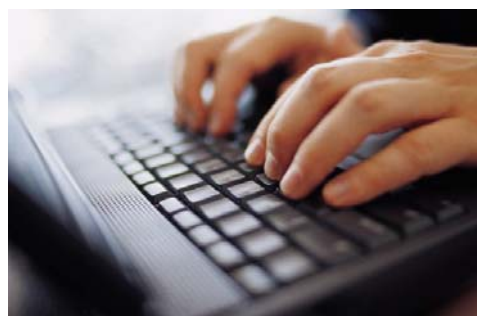
To borrow

If you have find a book or video you would like to borrow, you can click on a link to an Internet borrowing form. This means that if you are already a registered borrower at the AIC or CAN, you can have these items sent to you. If you are not already a borrower, you can join via the web site.

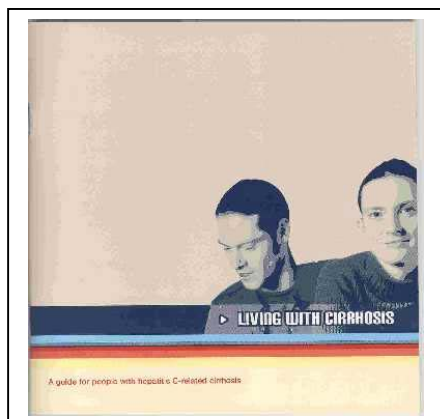
AIC/CAN Virtual Library catalog launch

When: 3pm, Thursday
28 November 2002

Where: Meeting Room,
Fairfield House, The Alfred,
Moubray St entrance



Hot off the press (new brochures)



Living with cirrhosis

Cirrhosis is an uneasy topic to cover in general hepatitis C brochures – you don't want everyone with hepatitis C to think they are likely to have cirrhosis, but people with cirrhosis often want to know much more about it. This brochure looks at the experience of living with cirrhosis for the person with hepatitis C who has been diagnosed with cirrhosis. It explains how the liver works, and the impact cirrhosis may have on the person's health. It looks at ways to manage other issues such as fatigue, nausea, along with working, social and family life. Health monitoring and treatment options are also covered. Interspersed throughout the text are quotes from people who have cirrhosis – giving it a much more human feel.

Produced by the Australian Hepatitis Council.



<ready, set, combo> preparing for conventional hepatitis C treatment

The fold-out sections of this brochure show its scope:

- Me, myself, I
- Work
- Medical
- Relationships
- Information and support

The intention of the brochure is to help the person who is intending to start ribavirin/interferon therapy to plan for some of the issues they will have to deal with while they are on treatment. In each section it gives some 'things to think about' and constructive ways to manage them in daily life.

Produced by the Australian Hepatitis Council.

Complex problems: emerging solutions

ASHM conference 2002

www.ashm.org.au

If you didn't go to the ASHM conference this year – or if you did and want to go over some of the sessions – the ASHM web site now includes its conference coverage online. You will find:

- Rapporteur reports
- Online database of abstracts
- Media releases

My highlight - the short media reports by journalism students who attended the conference. They brought a fresh perspective to some of the major themes, eg rising infection rates, human rights, positive youth, with some wry comments on the presenters and their inimitable styles.

The new look Current Awareness List

We're trialling a new way of providing our listings of current articles. For the next few issues we will be listing new journal/magazine articles, books and videos on one or two special interest topics.

We have included the Internet addresses of the articles.

A note on access to online journal articles – some of them you can only access online if you are using a PC in an organisation with an online library subscription; others require a password. If your organisation is an organisational member of the Access Information Centre, contact us for a password.

Tell us what you think of the new format - and feel free to suggest new topics!

The latest on lipodystrophy

Nutrition and lipodystrophy by Shelley Scott. *Positively Aware* Jul/Aug 2002, pgs 32-6
http://www.tpan.com/publications/positively_aware/jul_aug_02/nutrition_and_lipodystrophy.html

New-Fill for an old face by Jeff Berry. *Positively Aware* May/Jun 2002, pgs 34-5
http://www.tpan.com/publications/positively_aware/may_june_02/new_fill_for_an_old_face.html

Lipodystrophy syndrome and self-assessment of well-being and physical appearance in HIV-positive patients by M.Oette and others. *AIDS Patient Care and STDs* 2002, 16(9), pgs 413-17.
<http://gottardo.ingentaselect.com/vi=1461134/cl=23/nw=1/rpsv/catchword/mal/10872914/v16n9/s2/p413>
[online subscription via library network required]

Guidelines for using body composition measurement in patients with Human Immunodeficiency Virus infection by Christine Wanke and others. *AIDS Patient Care and STDs* 2002, 16(8), pgs 375-88
<http://gottardo.ingentaselect.com/vi=1461134/cl=23/nw=1/rpsv/catchword/mal/10872914/v16n8/s5/p375>
[online subscription via library network required]

High-density lipoprotein cholesterol is low in HIV-infected patients with lipodystrophic fat expansions: implications for pathogenesis of fat redistribution by W.Jeffrey Fessel and others. *AIDS* 2002, 16(13), pgs 1785-9
<http://ipsapp006.lwwonline.com/content/getfile/13/1061/11/abstract.htm>
[online subscription password required for full text]

To order (Members only):

Fill out and return the **Article Request Form** at the end of the Bulletin (or use the **Article Request form** on our **web site**) and we will send you the article, no cost involved.

Non-members are welcome to order the articles on inter-library loan or visit the Centre and photocopy the articles themselves.