

What's on the Net? – Review of Nepalese medical websites

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In the present scenario of Nepal with the bombardment of the establishment of so many medical colleges and the production of approximately 800 doctors each year, an environment of neck to neck competition has been created. Thus to be at the edge of the current information within the medical field is a must. The advancement in IT world in providing us with this internet access has proven to build a bridge for the medical professionals leading to much competence. The Internet is becoming one of the most important means of international communication. Especially in this age of globalization this kind of exchange is very important for medical students' preparation for future collaboration as medical professionals.

Many of us are already familiar with the use of Internet in our daily life for **Hotmail** (www.hotmail.com) or **Yahoo mail** (www.mail.yahoo.com) or for the search of any query in **Google** (www.google.com).

Do we ever look for Nepali web site related to Medical profession? Have we ever considered about making for the same? Why do we always praise and visit the Website made elsewhere? Even though there are very few Nepali Websites dedicated to help the medical professionals of the Nepal, it is worth talking about it. Most of us in today's world check our mailbox at least once a day. Why don't we open another internet page for these Nepali Website related to medical profession during our each visit to Hotmail, Yahoo, Google or Altavista?

Very few people work for the benefit of other human beings. Everyday we see people living for their individual lives and it is hard to find people living and working for the comfort of others. In terms of information technology very few of our mentors have taken a giant step to share their experience, their publication and their work in order to show the way for new generation doctors, medical students and health related persons.

Here are few website that might be of your interest:-

1. **Health Net Nepal (www.healthnet.org.np):**

Healthnet Nepal (www.healthnet.org.np) is one of its kinds in the medical information technology in Nepal. It is not only a site to visit but it does many functions and services like Healthnet itself is ISP provider dedicated to medical field. It host space for the web sites, it has numerous collection of medical textbooks, journals and medical related site but this facility is only available to those who are members of Healthnet (in term of ISP). In layman term you have to use Internet connection from Healthnet in order to use its amazing feature and to get in touch with the latest medical developments, to read medial text book and the hundreds of medical journals which you don't find in other internet service provider.

2. **Nepal Drug Review (www.nepaldrug.com or www.ndr.com.np):**

This is the first medical site which provides a discussion forum for the medical and non medical persons, where one can share and experience the truth of the medical knowledge. It is a place where one can get the solution of their query and where one can share his/her views. Beside discussion forum Nepal Drug Review provides health related data and medical sites for the medical students and medical professionals. When you press your index finger you can enter into the medical information technology where you can read medical text books, journals, medical search engines and also patient informative sites. More over this site provides the information regarding Drugs produced by Nepali Pharmaceutical Companies that are available in Nepal.

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If you are a medical student, if you are a physician but don't know which site is useful for you then you must visit this site which serves you with your interest.

3. Nepal Medical Association (www.nma.org.np):

In this site beside the information regarding Nepal Medical Association you will also have an opportunity to read the NMA Journal.

4. Ministry of Health Government of Nepal (www.moh.gov.np):

This is the official site of Ministry of Health Government of Nepal where you can get lots of information regarding health in Nepal.

5. Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh (www.nnjs.org.np or www.nnjs.org):

Nepal Netra Jyoti Sangh is a non-governmental Organization dedicated in the service of Eye health in Nepal. Dr. Ram Prasad Pokhrel, the Chairman has celebrated its Silver Jubilee anniversary on 26 March 2004. During this auspicious occasion this web site was launched by then Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa. This site contain all the information about eye service in Nepal, like eye education, job opportunity, research field and many more.

6. Nepal Red Cross Society (www.nnjs.org.np or www.nnjs.org)

7. Kanti Children Hospital (www.kantihospital.org.np)

8. Maternity Hospital Thapathali (www.maternityhospital.org.np)

9. Birendra Police Hospital (www.bph.org.np)

10. Siddhi Memorial Foundation (www.smf.org.np)

11. Cardiac Society of Nepal (www.cardiology.org.np)

12. Mother Infant Research Activity (MIRA) (www.mira.org.np)

The above mentioned sites offer you their unique services for the benefit of the needy people for more detail you must visit once.

13. Nepal Pediatric Society (www.nepas.org.np):

Nepal Paediatric Society (NEPAS) is the non professional, non-profit making, social welfare

organization of the paediatricians of Nepal. It is committed to strive for the overall development of the children of Nepal. It supports child right issues, child health including preventive measures and professional upgrading and welfare of its members. The Society was established in 1981 A.D. by a group of paediatricians working in Nepal.

14. Mirgendra Samjhana Medical Trust (www.msmt.org.np)

This site consists of segments such as clinical services, health camps, community health and programs. The overall objective of the Trust is to provide medical care, health services and social services to the underprivileged community, along with education, drinking water, income and employment generating facilities, improved indoor environment and anti-tobacco activities in the country. Free medical examination and treatment to the under privileged, poor and people in the remote areas of Nepal. Provision of scholarship for deserving, meritorious and poor students in secondary schools, medals to the top student in Medical and Nursing education and oration to medical doctors and social workers for their outstanding achievement are the works that this trust does.

15. Association of Medical Doctors of Asia - Nepal (www.amda-nepal.org.np)

Association of Medical Doctors of Asia-Nepal (AMDA-Nepal) was established in 1989 as a chapter of AMDA-International and was officially registered in the government office as a NGO in 1990. Like its mother organization, AMDA-Nepal is also a humanitarian, nonprofit-making, nonpolitical, non-sectarian Non Governmental Organization. Working with its mission to promote the health and well-being of the underprivileged and marginalized people under the slogan "Better quality of life for better future".

16. Prof. Dr. Hemang Dixit (www.hdixit.org.np)

Prof. Dr. Hemang Dixit, Principal KMC has published many books under the name of Mani Dixit which you can read online in this website.

"I am glad that you made it this far...and I hope that you will stick a long enough to get to know just a little bit more about me and my works. After all, these days, acquaintances that begin in cyberspace are often the most real, vivid, and long-lasting and may be that will be true of us." From this web site.

**17. Prof. Dr. Puspa Raj Sharma
(www.prsharma.com.np)**

Prof. Dr. Puspa Raj Sharma from Dept. of Pediatrics, IOM has written few books for the medical students. You can also read some of his finest work in this website. I am sure medical student will benefited from this site.

**18. Prof. Dr. Ishwor Lal Shrestha
(www.ilshrestha.com.np)**

To know more about Prof. Dr. Ishwor Lal Shrestha and his work please visit the site.

**19. Department of Neurology
(www.neuroscienceforum.org.np)**

This website includes members from Neuroanesthesia and Pain Management, Neurology, Neuroradiology, Neurosurgery and ancillary subspecialties, which include Neuroophthalmology, Neuropathology, Neuropsychiatry, Neurootology, Craniofacial Surgery and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. This site helps to create a forum for the exchange of ideas in the field of neuroscience. It helps in promoting interdisciplinary interaction for better education and patient care. This conducts a weekly Neuroradiology Conference and a monthly CME program.

Other websites related to us:

**20. National Center for Health Profession
Education and Development
(www.nchped.org.np)**

**21. National Zoonoses and Food Hygiene
Research Center (www.nzfhr.org.np)**

**22. Trust for Zoonoses and Consumer Awareness
(truzcanepate helps to l.org.np)**

23. Medical College and Teaching Hospitals:

- i. Institute of Medicine, Maharajgunj :
www.iom.edu.np
- ii. BPKIHS, Dharan : www.bpkihs.edu
- iii. KMC Teaching Hospital :
www.kmc.edu.np
- iv. NMC Teaching Hospital :
www.nmcth.edu
- v. NGMC, Nepalgunj :
www.ngmc.edu.np
- vi. UCMS, Bhairahawa :
www.ucmsonline.com
- vii. NMC, Birgunj : www.nmcbir.edu.np
- viii. JMC, Janakpur : www.jmcedu.com
- ix. MCOMS, Pokhara : N/A
- x. COMS, Bharatpur : N/A
- xi. KUMJ, Dhulikhel : N/A (under construction)
- xii. National Academy for Medical Science : N/A (Under construction)

These above mentioned medical sites provides us with learning materials that are updated time to time. These sites are for all those responsible individuals who want to ask questions and share the answers with friends. These sites educate, inform and ultimately make us aware about the latest advancement in the medical field.

We do hope this type of creative work will go on. As we are please to inform you that **Nepal Medical Council** has already started its web designing and within a short span of time you will be able to go through.

(Please submit website or other information which you know that is related to medicine in Nepal to ang1el@hotmail.com or visit: www.nepaldrug.com and submit your website)