



DENIS CARO'S FAVOURITE WEBSITES

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HIS FAVOURITE WEBSITE SOJOURNS . . .

www.medicinenet.com

Physicians and health providers beware! This site empowers health consumers with health, disease and drug information which could make one cringe at the next patient encounter. It provides excellent information on diseases, conditions and medications. Would that there be a site with individual physician background information, as well as hospitals, so that they could make better physician selection and referral choices!

www.cnn.com/WORLD

In the absence of an independent world government news network, this is probably the next best site, American biases recognized. It provides an update on ground-breaking news stories from around the world without the bias of so many national-based news networks. It allows a perspective on how the rest of the planet views Canada and Canadian news, something as noteworthy and relevant as news from Columbia, Cambodia or the Cameroons. For those of us, tired of the CBC biases and focus on Joe Clark's latest perspectives on everything and anything that moves, this site is refreshing. It's how the Martians would no doubt view our planetary news.

www.search.corporateinformation.com

This is a goldmine of information on the corporate world in the entire world, important to anyone whose headspace is in management. For anyone whose head is on autopilot in the world of medicine and computers, this site opens a whole new vista of a completely different world. Yes, there is life after medical informatics!

www.ledevoir.com

Using another cultural prism, it is the editorials and comments to the editor that really make this journal noteworthy. Not only are the standards of written French of the highest order this side of the Atlantic, its perspectives of national (however they define it) and international news are actually refreshingly different and sometimes ingenious. Really!

www.oecd.org

For anyone that despairs about the economic and social problems in Canada, this site provides information that not only are we in good company, but we are actually doing great! As part of an international community, this site has a wealth of information and reports on all facets of key sectors of our sister nations in the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development. God Bless Canada!

COMMENTS FROM THE FRONT LINES

We have watched the progress of Canada Health Infoway Inc. (CHII) since the announcement by the Ministers of Health in September 2000 of \$500 million for health infostructure development. At times we have been concerned about the slow progress in getting the Corporation started, however at CHII's Atlantic regional meeting in March these concerns were laid to rest.

At this meeting it became apparent that CHII has been doing its planning based on the solid health infostructure work of the provinces and local health organizations across the country. It appears the business plan CHII is preparing for the Ministers of Health, for presentation in June, emphasizes priorities based on return on investment, and these include the priorities of many of the provinces – client registries, pharmacy networks and diagnostic services (a.k.a. lab) networks. This clear, well thought out direction will benefit the immediate and long-term development of EHRs in Canada. The delays may have been well worth it.

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