



## VALERIE McDONALD'S TOP WEB SITES

Valerie McDonald is an author, mother of three and, like all of us, a consumer of healthcare. Last year she contributed one of our all-time favourite articles to *Hospital Quarterly* providing a mother's constructive insight into hospitals and other healthcare organizations.

### CANADIAN HEALTH NETWORK

**[www.canadian-health-network.ca](http://www.canadian-health-network.ca)**

Good information about health and medical conditions with links to 10,000 internet-based resources.

### CHILD AND FAMILY CANADA **[www.cfc-efc.ca](http://www.cfc-efc.ca)**

Over 1300 documents on topics from parenting to medical conditions.

### ONCOLINK **<http://cancer.med.upenn.edu>**

Extensive, accessible information about cancer symptoms, treatments and cancer news.

### PLANET MEDICA **[www.planetmedica.co.uk](http://www.planetmedica.co.uk)**

Information about specific medical conditions, drugs and on-line advice about symptoms.

### TODAY'S PARENT **[www.todaysparent.com](http://www.todaysparent.com)**

Discussion forums linked with related articles. Pen Pals section connects parents with similar, often rare, medical issues.

### RxLIST **[www.rxlist.com](http://www.rxlist.com)**

Clear information about prescription drugs and alternative remedies and on-line drug-specific discussion board.

information and communication technologies in healthcare. The challenge is to enable the patient-centered delivery of care and services by delivering an appropriate information infrastructure.

In closing, the English have made their work on their health informatics agenda very visible through their websites. We in Canada can watch their progress with interest. If we feel moved to criticize, we should ask whether our transatlantic colleagues have the same opportunity to watch our progress. **E**

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