

# Florida AHEC Network Introduces...

# AHEC Portal

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# AHEC Portal

- Conceptualized by the Florida AHEC Network's Information and Support Services Committee in response to the Florida Department of Health Bureau of Chronic Disease Cardiovascular Initiative
- Designed to disseminate cardiovascular related information to Florida's health practitioners in rural and underserved areas

# Why AHECPortal?

- To assist Florida's rural and underserved healthcare professionals who have:
  - Limited access to print resources
  - Time constraints and over commitments
  - Limited financial resources
  - High cost of online resources
  - Too much information on the Internet
  - Difficulty in identifying quality information

# **What is a Web Portal?**

- **Web Portals are instrumental in providing a focused, confined and finite information base for the information seeker.**
- **Web Portals provide a secure, single point of interaction with diverse information, business processes, and people, personalized to a users needs and responsibilities.**

# **AHEC Portal Content**

- **Cardiovascular Disease**
- **Nutrition**
- **Diabetes**
- **Physical Activity**
- **Obesity**
- **Stroke/Hypertension**
- **Tobacco**

# **AHEC Portal Resources**

- **Case studies/tutorials**
- **Free online medical journals and books/dictionaries**
- **Clinical practice guidelines**
- **Medical news/statistics**
- **Continuing education resources**
- **Slides/presentations**
- **Downloadable patient education materials**
  - **English**
  - **Spanish**
  - **Haitian Creole (limited)**

# Navigation

- Search within the portal for sites using filters available:
  - Resource type
  - Subject Category
  - Keywords
- An advanced search screen allows up to three keywords to be entered and limits results by sites that are:
  - Free
  - Require a fee
  - Require a registration

# AHECPortal

Health Information for Health Professionals

## Florida AHEC Network: Health Information Portal

This portal provides access to cardiovascular-related materials and sites, including free electronic journals and reference materials such as dictionaries, databases, evidence-based medicine tools, practice guidelines and patient education materials.

Other services include linkages to professional discussion groups, physician directories, and listings of AHEC sponsored continuing education courses. Evaluation criteria for selecting a site for inclusion on the Portal was based on the accuracy, the expertise or credentials of the authors, the site's objectivity, currency, and the comprehensiveness of the information presented.

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*Resource:***Categories:**Cardiovascular     Stroke     Nutrition General     Activity     Tobacco Diabetes     Women     Obesity **Restrictions:**Register     Free     \$Fee *Keywords:*

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Restrictions	Title	Description
Free	<a href="#">1999 Cardiovascular Surveillance Survey Summary</a>	 Developed by the Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Epidemiology and the Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention, this document presents data and information regarding the prevalence of cardiovascular disease in Florida.
Free	<a href="#">Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality</a>	Provides information for clinicians, consumers, and policymakers, on children's, women's and minorities' health. Includes information on funding, news stories, research findings, quality assessment, prevention services and medical errors.

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Registration Free	<a href="#">BioCritique</a>	Leading researchers in the areas of cardiovascular disease and diabetes review the latest articles. Each paper is linked to a rich collection of resources including Power Point presentations, clinical trials and practice guidelines.
e	<a href="#">Controlling High Blood Pressure: A Woman's Guide</a>	Comprehensive hypertension management guide for women providing information concerning the importance of exercise, diet, and medication compliance. Keyword: Women
e	Coronary Artery Disease in Women	 Florida AHEC Network: Women and Heart Disease Conference, 2002. Arthur M. Fournier, M.D, University of Miami.
Registration \$Fee	<a href="#">Diabetes Mellitus Type 2 - Training on Clinical Practice Guidelines</a>	Seminars by diabetes experts on the presentation of complications and reduction of long-term medical problems related to Diabetes. Interactive case studies, and links to practice guidelines, medical dictionaries and pharmacopoeia.
e	<a href="#">Diabetes Practice Guidelines, Agency for Health Care Administration</a>	This URL links to the Agency for Health Care Administration Medical Practice Guidelines for Diabetes. Additional information includes growth charts, BMI tables and Patient Chart Flow Sheets.
e	<a href="#">Evidence Report: Clinical Guidelines Overweight and Obesity in Adults</a>	This report examines the scientific evidence for risks associated with overweight and obesity, and their treatment. Based on that research, the Clinical Guidelines for Overweight and Obesity in Adults were developed.

# Portal Training

- Training opportunities are available by AHEC librarians and are offered onsite to County Health Departments, Community Health Centers, and Clinics.
- Contact your local AHEC for more information

# Selection Criteria

- Criteria for inclusion of resources was based on guidelines established in *The Internet: A Guide To Working Smarter*, A FLAHEC Network publication. Criteria includes:
  - Accuracy
  - Expertise/credentials of the authors
  - Sites' objectivity
  - Currency
  - Coverage

# Future Developments

- **Linking to full text electronic journal subscriptions and books**
- **Expansion of subject areas:**
  - **Diabetes**
  - **Nutrition**
  - **Obesity**
  - **Physical activity**
  - **Stroke**
- **Include future AHEC and DOH health initiatives**

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