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Dermatology Internet: Resources

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Table 1
Clinical resources for dermatologists that include web sites with image databases and freely accessible peer-reviewed research

Web Site	Web Site Address	Funding	Comments
Select open access dermatology journals: <i>BMC Dermatology</i> <i>The Open Dermatology Journal</i>	http://www.biomedcentral.com/bmcdermatol/ http://www.bentham.org/open/todj/	Author fees	Offers free online access to all articles.
National Library of Health Skin Disorder Specialist Library	http://www.library.nhs.uk/skin	National Health Service National Library for Health	Offers an up-to-date collection of reviewed evidence and documents on skin conditions. Free links to guidelines for treatment and has patient information resources
New Zealand Dermatologic Society, Incorporated	http://www.dermnet.org.nz/	Various industry sponsors	Web site provides diagnostic information, pictures, and treatments for common and rare dermatologic diseases. Web site also features quizzes and online courses.
Johns Hopkins point of case information technology ABX guide	http://prod.hopkins-abxguide.org/	Currently sponsored by Schering-Plough (corporation does not have input regarding Web site content)	User selects from a list of common infectious dermatologic diagnoses. Web site gives information about the pathogen, clinical manifestations, and various antibiotic treatment regimens.
Medline Plus for skin and nails	http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/skinhairandnails.html	US National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health	User can select from a list of common dermatologic diagnoses or can search based on whether there is hair, skin, or nail involvement. Web site gives links to overviews, recent research (abstracts and references), and current clinical trials.
Global skin atlas	http://www.globalskinatlas.com/index.cfm Sister Web sites: http://www.dermoscopyatlas.com/ http://www.globalskinpathatlas.com/	Privately funded and maintained	Users can search photographs of 798 rare and common dermatologic diseases. Web site also features a quiz. Sister Web sites include the dermoscopy atlas and the global skin path atlas.

Abbreviation: ABX, antibiotics.

Table 2
Web sites with dermatology-related educational materials for patients, medical students, and residents

Web Site	Web Site Address	Funding	Comments
Map of dermatology	http://healthcybermap.org/dermap/	Privately funded and maintained	This Google images interface allows users to enter body region and morphology to generate a brief differential. After selecting diagnosis, a Google search generates images.
Virtual grand rounds in dermatology 2.0	http://vgrd.blogspot.com/ (web 2.0 version) www.vgrd.org	Privately funded and maintained	Difficult cases are presented, and viewers are given the opportunity to comment and evaluate by means of an open Web 2.0 platform. Faculty members from around the world are listed, and membership from developing nations is encouraged.
Visual Dx Health Logical Images	http://www.visualdxhealth.com/ http://www.logicalimages.com/educationalTools/learnDerm.htm	Various industry sponsors	Web site provides information on 10 common skin conditions. One can also search for diagnoses by selecting body area affected, gender, and patient age. An excellent patient education resource.
Derm Help Central	http://dermatologycentral.typepad.com/resource/	Privately funded and maintained	This Web site provides synopses and links to the latest patient-directed dermatology news articles. It also posts PDF files with helpful information, such as dry skin care, how to apply Aldara, and examples of a brisk reaction.

Table 3
Evidence-based medicine resources for dermatologists that promote literature appraisal and collaboration

Web Site	Web Site Address	Funding	Comments
JournalReview.org	www.journalreview.org	Privately owned company	This Web site is an online journal club, where users can read and contribute to discussions about medical literature.
ebderm.org	www.ebderm.org	Created in conjunction with Center for Evidence-Based Dermatology, grant from Sulzberger Institute	Web site offers resources for performing literature searches, guide to web-based resources, library of materials, and online forum.
Cochrane Skin Group	http://www.csg.cochrane.org/en/index.html	Affiliated with the Center for Evidence-Based Dermatology, received grant from National Institute for Health Research	An expert panel reviews published and unpublished evidence to answer clinical questions and offer evidence-based recommendations. Free access to abstracts and summaries.
Center for Evidence-Based Dermatology	http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/dermatology/	Funding provided by the UK Department of Health's National Institute for Health Research	Web site lists references of peer-reviewed publications related to the center's research. The major clinical research focus is atopic dermatitis. Offers eczema diagnostic tools and outcome measures.