

Emerging Diseases

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Avian Influenza. World Health Organization. www.who.int/health_topics/avian_influenza/en/. Although not fully populated yet, this page provides links to descriptions of activities, reports, news, events, and contacts and cooperating partners in related WHO programs.

Addressing Infectious Disease Threats. Current Fact Sheets. Association of State and Territorial Directors of Health Promotion and Public Health Education. www.astdhppe.org/infectintro.asp. Describes what infectious diseases are, explains why infectious diseases are both emerging and reemerging, provides prevention suggestions, and concludes by describing the critical role for health professionals in communicating disease risk. Hotlines and a table of infectious diseases, agents, and modes of transmission are available for health professional use.

Center for the Study of Emerging Diseases. Saint Louis University School of Public Health. www.emerginginfections.slu.edu/. Provides a high-quality list of emerging infections complete with fact sheets, educational material, key references including online articles and case studies, official remarks and reports, news, and Internet resources. Visitors can search for information via mode of transmission, organism, and syndrome. Also helpful is the clear image of each organism on each disease mentioned.

Discussion Groups. World Health Organization. Resources Forum. E-mail Discussion Groups and Lists. www.who.int/tdr/kh/bitttre.htm. Lists subscription information and brief descriptions of a variety of e-mail discussion groups related to infectious diseases.

Emerging Infectious Diseases. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease. Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases. www.niaid.nih.gov/dmid/eid/. This site provides fact sheets and brochures about antimicrobial resistance, news releases, staff presentations and papers, reports and articles, research plans and priorities, and meetings. Useful links are also offered.

FASTATS: Infectious Disease. National Center for Health Statistics. www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/infectis.htm. High-quality source of morbidity data for specified infectious diseases with links to additional sources of data and information.

Hepatitis Information Network: HepNet - Hepatitis C. www.hepnet.com/hepc.html. This site gives information on news, events, and information for physicians and patients. The home page lists New Additions and provides links to Epidemiology, Natural History (of the disease), Management, and Future Directions. Links to hepatitis A, B, D, and E are also given.

Lyme Disease Network. www.lymenet.org/. The Lyme Disease Network is a nonprofit foundation dedicated to public education on the prevention and treatment of Lyme disease and other tickborne illnesses. Support groups, an online library, legal resources, medical abstracts, a newsletter, books, pictures, and additional information can be found on the site.

Policy. Trust for America's Health Reports. <http://healthyamericans.org/reports/tfah/>. A set of reports critical of public health's readiness to cope with animal diseases, bird flu epidemics, SARS, and related topics.

SARS: Timeline. CBC News Online. www.cbc.ca/news/indepth/background/sars_timeline.html. Describes the onset of SARS from its discovery February 15, 2003, and traces events in China and Canada to June 11, 2003.

Selected Emerging Infectious Diseases. Hardin MD: Infectious Diseases/Bacterial Diseases/Microbiology. www.lib.uiowa.edu/hardin/md/micro.html. Hardin MD is a list of directory sites. The Infectious Diseases/Bacterial Diseases/Microbiology site points the reader to large, medium-length, and short lists of sites on specific emerging diseases. Of particular interest are the large number of images included on the listed sites. Only the most important and constantly updated directory sites are listed.

Society for Medical Anthropology, Global Health, and Emerging Disease Study Group (formerly the International Health and Infectious Disease Study Group). www.medanthro.net/research/globalhealth/index.html. Describes the Study Group's activities and discussion lists and provides academic resources and other links of related interest.

Tickborne Relapsing Fever. Schwan TG, Policastro PF, Miller Z, Thompson RL, Damrow T, Keirans JE. Tickborne relapsing fever caused by *Borrelia hermsii*, Montana. *Emerg Infect Dis*. www.cdc.gov/ncidod/EID/vol9no9/03-0280.htm. This helpful article describes the history of tickborne relapsing fever, the vector that causes it, and the study that led to the publication of the article.

Tuberculosis. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Health Topic. www.cdc.gov/health/tb.htm. CDC has prepared sections of interest to the public, to travelers, workers, and clinicians and epidemiologists.

West Nile Virus. Washington State Department of Health. www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/Zoo/WNV/WNV.html. The Web site gives clinical information for health care providers, environmental health information for state and local agencies and other organizations, useful information for the public, and maps, statistics, and news releases. Information on mosquito repellants and on mosquitoes is available in two brochures. 🦟

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