

“The work done by the University Hospital Munich, creating virtual patients to train secondary school children on the importance of occupational safety and health, offers the opportunity to inform youngsters early on and thereby will help to reduce the number of occupational diseases in our country.”

– Dr. Peter Kujath, German Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Berlin, Germany

“During seven months, 14 physicians got together once a month to review cases. It was a big opportunity, because chances to get trained or updated in Occupational Health are really difficult in Guatemala.”

– Claudia Meneses, Md. ASOMET President (Asociación Medicina del Trabajo)

“The NeTWoRM project coordinated by the University Hospital Munich gives undergraduate medical students new insights into occupational medicine and increases their interest in the subject. This raises awareness about OSH among physicians in the involved countries and thereby significantly contributes to an improved OSH situation.”

– Prof. Dr. Stephan Letzel, Chairman of the German Society for Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Mainz, Germany

Our project partners

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Birmingham Heartlands Hospital
Institut Universitaire Santé Travail
Environnement d'Alsace (IUSTE) (Strasbourg)
University of Amsterdam
University of Zaragoza
Unitat Docent de Parc Taulí (Badalona)
University of Medicine and Pharmacy “Victor Babes” (Timisoara)

Latin America:

Federal University of Paraná (Curitiba)
Universidad Austral (Valdivia)
Universidad Católica del Norte (Coquimbo)
Universidad de Chile (Santiago)
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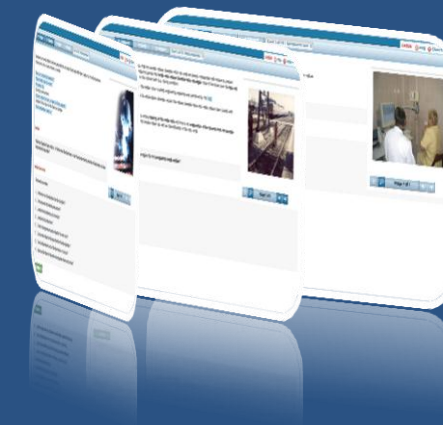
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Virtualpatient-Work.Net

Free Virtual Patients for Everyone.



A case-based e-learning platform
for Occupational Medicine

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THE NEW CONCEPT:

- BRAND NEW CASE-BASED E-LEARNING PLATFORM (2012)
- VIRTUAL PATIENTS FREE OF CHARGE
- ONE-CLICK SUBSCRIPTION
- AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH, SPANISH AND GERMAN
- EXTENDED SERVICE/SUPPORT (OPTIONAL)
 - COURSE CREATION
 - COURSE EVALUATION
 - USER SUPPORT
- MORE POTENTIAL USERS

Universal education for a global health problem

According to the International Labor Organization (ILO) more than two million people die from accidents or work-related diseases every year.

Virtualpatient-Work.Net aims to improve the knowledge and skills of OM in order to reduce this apparent burden of work-related disease. This is realized through our interactive and problem-based learning approach, which gives the student of OM training in how to deal with occupational diseases in different work places, countries and health care systems.

Knowledge of OM should be accessible to everyone...

Virtualpatient-Work.Net embraces this idea and now offers virtual patients of OM in English, Spanish and German free of charge.

Our virtual patients are the result of nearly a decade of international project collaboration through our former project NeTWoRM. We believe that this source of information is an important contribution to the ongoing process of emphasizing the importance of OM around the world. Therefore it should be shared with as many people as possible.

Project description

Aims:

- To make occupational safety and health learning available for everyone.
- To enhance the interest in and knowledge about occupational safety and health at all training levels.

E-learning:

- As effective as other methods of teaching.
- A complement to traditional teaching.
- Interactive and problem-based.
- Enables “bedside teaching”.

Target group:

Undergraduates, professionals, students of CME, health and safety inspectors, OHN, secondary school students.

Project funders

The predecessor of Virtualpatient-Work.Net, NeTWoRM (Net-based-training for work-related medicine), received funding from the European Commission’s Lifelong Learning Programme, the Klaus Tschira Stiftung and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). It is also one of the WHO collaborating centers in Occupational Health projects.

