



# Health Knowledge Network

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*Health  
Information:  
from* **Alberta's  
Universities**  
*to you*



A Collaborative Venture of the  
University of Alberta and the University of  
Calgary



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The Health Knowledge Network [HKN] is a collaborative venture between the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta. HKN is Alberta's leader in providing quality published health information resources to post-secondary, health and library organizations and institutions. We are proud to extend the Universities' networked health information services to the larger community. We operate at full cost-recovery through an appropriate pricing strategy and pursuit of external sources of development funding, such as grants and sponsorships. Future directions for HKN are based on meeting the needs of the two Universities and being responsive to the needs of external users.

### HKN Vision

Alberta's leader in providing quality published health information resources to post-secondary, health and library organizations and institutions.

### HKN Mission

HKN is a University of Calgary and University of Alberta collaborative whose mission is to extend the Universities' existing networked health information services, providing literature searching, current awareness, electronic full-text, and document delivery services primarily to Alberta's, Saskatchewan's and the Territories' post-secondary, health and library organizations and institutions, through cost-recovery or appropriate sources of external funding.

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## 2006 - 2007 Highlights

### **Strategic Direction #1**

#### **Promote an Enhanced Electronic Health Library for Alberta and Canada**

Follow up on suggestions made by the Premier of Alberta and by the Minister of Alberta Health & Wellness for a cohesive approach to providing quality health information at a provincial level. Demonstrate the feasibility of this initiative through a scalable model for enhanced health information delivery.

Continue to work with Canada Health Infoway and the Presidents of Alberta's four Universities to encourage dialogue on a national approach to health information licensing.

- As a result of HKN's efforts, Canada Health Infoway (CHI) held a meeting in Toronto with stakeholders from the health information sector to discuss a national approach to health information licensing. Invitees included the National Network of Libraries for Health (NNLH), Centre for Health Evidence, the Health Knowledge Network, and representatives from academic institutions across Canada. NNLH held a follow-up meeting to which a representative from CHI was invited. This meeting resulted in an agreement to communicate further with CHI via teleconference. NNLH has therefore set up a Steering Group with representatives from HKN, CISTI, NNLH, and the academic community to develop a Phase "O" proposal for CHI.

### **Strategic Direction #2**

#### **Development of Service Model and Provide Seamless Service**

Continue to move forward with the recommendations in the Provincial Needs Assessment report and integrate into HKN service model.

- Ovid's LinkSolver became part of the HKN service to allow members to link between their bibliographic indexes and full text subscriptions.
- Information about newly licensed HKN resources and related support materials continued to be communicated to existing and potential Subscribers.
- HKN continued to update its web site. New content including links to free online health information resources, and instructional and support materials were also added.
- In August, a 7.5 month trial of CINAHL Plus with Full Text was implemented to facilitate the transition from the Ovid to the EBSCO interface. The transition to the EBSCO platform was completed by March 31, 2007.
- A symposium on drug information and patient safety was held in Edmonton on June 2006 in conjunction with the HKN AGM. Symposium reported on trends and developments in the drug information environment and the role of health libraries within this environment.

### **Strategic Direction #3**

#### **License Health Information Resources & Extend Access to Current and Potential Subscribers**

Expand HKN's database offerings to meet the increasing needs of Partners and Subscribers.

- The Saskatchewan Health Information Resources Partnership (SHIRP) and HKN completed the implementation of phase IV of the SHIRP project. Phase IV now provides health information resources to all post-secondary institutions and health care facilities in Saskatchewan and health care practitioners covered under the Saskatchewan Health Act.
- In April, HKN added eCPS to its collection on behalf of Calgary Health Region's Health Information Network in Calgary. A province-wide consortia license for this resource is still being developed.
- The Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library (LHCADL) and HKN collaborated to ensure both consortium members received the best pricing from vendors common to both consortia. All TAL members who previously licensed CINAHL through HKN now receive their subscription through LHCADL.
- HKN Subscribers continued to add more full-text content to their subscriptions.
- HKN received inquiries from provincial and national associations, the Yukon government, several health regions and small research organizations in the province.

#### **New Content:**

1. eCPS
2. LWW Total Access Archives
3. EBSCO CINAHL plus with Full Text
4. EBSCO Medline with Full Text
5. EBSCO Health Source: Consumer Edition (includes Clinical Pharmacology)
6. EBSCO Health Source: Nursing/Academic Addition (includes Clinical Pharmacology)
7. EBSCO Natural & Alternative Treatments

#### **HKN Members as of March 31, 2007:**

##### **Alberta**

##### *Boards, Research and Government Agencies*

1. Alberta Cancer Board (includes Tom Baker Cancer Centre and Cross Cancer Institute)
2. Alberta Government Library (includes Alberta Health & Wellness library and Alberta Children's Services library)
3. Health Quality Council of Alberta
4. Capital Care Group
5. Centre for Health Evidence
6. First Nations and Inuit Health Branch
7. Millard Health Centre

##### *Health Regions*

8. Calgary Health Region
9. Capital Health Region

10. David Thompson Health Region
11. Saint Thomas Health Centre

#### Colleges and Universities

12. Athabasca University
13. Grande Prairie Regional College
14. Grant MacEwan Community College
15. Keyano College
16. King's University College
17. Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT)
18. Nazarene University College
19. Red Deer College
20. St Mary's University College
21. Taylor University College
22. University of Lethbridge

#### Saskatchewan

23. Saskatchewan Health Information Resource Partnership

##### Includes:

- Prairie North Health Region (includes remaining 9 health regions in Saskatchewan)
- Prince Albert Health Region
- Regina Qu' Appelle Health Region
- Saskatchewan Health (Government library)
- Saskatchewan Health Quality Council
- Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology
- Saskatoon Health Region
- University of Regina
- University of Saskatchewan
- All health practitioners in Saskatchewan covered under the Saskatchewan Health Act

#### **Strategic Direction #4**

#### **Support Full Cost-Recovery and Streamline HKN Administration**

- The HKN office worked with the University of Calgary's accounting department to ensure that HKN receives accurate and timely financial information.
- The HKN Executive analyzed and revised the pricing structure to ensure fair pricing across the Membership while continuing to support cost-recovery.
- Subscriber files and accounting records were sent to the University Archives.
- Web site support was moved to the HKN Office to minimize support requirements from the University of Calgary IT Department.
- In September 2006, we welcomed a new Administrative Assistant, Julie Alati-it, to the HKN Office.