



REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH GATEWAY

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Gateways and Portals Lessons Learned (or not)

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Mission of RHGateway

- ➔ Provide access to quality information
- ➔ Spend shorter time searching for information
- ➔ Increase relevance of search results



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History of RHGateway

- ➔ Sponsored by USAID Population & Health Materials Working Group
- ➔ Effort to work collaboratively
- ➔ Started as portal site for USAID projects



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RHGateway Audiences

- ➔ Health researchers & students
- ➔ Clinicians
- ➔ USAID staff, cooperating agency staff, staff of other donors and NGOs



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Comparison with other search engines

- ➔ Google - search for cervical cancer retrieves 311,000 documents
- ➔ WebMd - searches only its own content
- ➔ Yahoo - small group of results targeted to clients
- ➔ RHGateway - 4741 results linking to Population Council, PATH, etc.



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Types of Queries

- General topics like adolescent health, HIV/AIDS in Africa, family planning
- Pregnancy and childbirth
- Fertility and menstruation, NFP
- Publications by specific organizations



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Statistics

Aug 2001: 4123 requests for pages
Sep 2001: 2703 requests for pages
Oct 2001: 3059 requests for pages
Nov 2001: 3508 requests for pages
Jan 2002: 4257 requests for pages
Feb 2002: 3217 requests for pages
Mar 2002: 3668 requests for pages
Apr 2002: 3977 requests for pages



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Other Features

- Calendar of events
- Links to new materials related to RH
- Topics
- Searching in other languages
- Links, monthly e-mail alert



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Criteria for inclusion

➔ Must contain information related to:

maternal health

prenatal care

childbirth

postpartum

family planning

gynecology

STIs

HIV/AIDS

Male/female reproduction

Reproductive diseases



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RHGateway doesn't cover:

- Child health, immunization
- Infectious diseases
- Nutrition, sanitation, hygiene



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RHGateway doesn't cover:

- Other parts of a site not related to RH
- Materials/sites for patients/public
- Commercial web sites



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New Features

- ➔ Repeat search in DEC, PubMed, POPLINE or CHID
- ➔ Combined ordering of publications
- ➔ Automated calendar & what's new features