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This month's list of interesting Web sites includes the AIDS Data Animation Project (www.ciesin.org/datasets/cdcnci/cdc-nci.html). This site contains documentation of disease trends through still frames and animation for the years 1981 to 1993. There are additional links to the National Center for Health Statistics and other collaborative sites and providers. The National Library of Medicine (NLM) (www.nlm.nih.gov) includes a vast database with access to online computer search vehicles (note: some of these resources will require a user ID password) and also includes a listing of NLM publications, research programs, and data on grants and contracts. There also is an interesting collection of Arabic and Persian documents on Islamic culture and the medical arts, which recently was updated.

On the international scene, Medistat, the Center for Medical Informatics and Biostatistics of the National Medical Institute at the National University of Singapore, has established a population-based data resource for Singapore and selected Asian countries (http://biomed.nus.sg:80/MSTAT/welcome.html). This site, which is in the early phases of development, is intended to provide basic health indicators and statistics, health resource data, and population statistics for Asian nations. Finally, links to sites that have a focused interest in continuous quality improvement can be found at www2.umdnj.edu/gpph/ira18.htm. From this site, one can review CQI documents from the CDC-Prevention and Managed Care Program, Health Policy Institute, HRSA, and other programs. In addition, several additional links are provided to other nonprofit and commercial sites having an interest in this field.

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