

Teaching Materials and Services

Collection of leprosy literature 1913–91 on compact disk

Now, CD-ROM technology allows for rapid access to important leprosy literature. By searching the author, title, or source, every citation can be accessed and printed. The speed and completeness with which the computer finds the information is the power of having the data on computer.

The items have been selected from 2874 journals and publications and totals 41,168 citations.

Specifications: IBM/Compatible; DOS 3.2 (or higher); minimum RAM required, 512K; EMS usage; program helps languages—English, French and German. Price: US\$20.00. For further details apply: Leprosy Research Foundation, 11588 Lawton Court, Loma Linda, CA 92354, USA.

Teaching and learning materials for leprosy in Portuguese

The librarian of the *Biblioteca do Instituto Lauro de Souza Lima (LSL)*, Caixa Postal 62, Bauru-SP, 17001-970, Brasil, has kindly sent a copy of the latest catalogue of teaching and learning materials for leprosy, in Portuguese. The main headings are: leprosy in general, epidemiology and control, prevention and rehabilitation, health education. Mainly because of the extremely high cost of postage within Brasil, it is not the policy of the above Institute to send out copies, unless advance payment is received, but the large number of training courses held at Bauru gives an opportunity for direct distribution to students and field workers, which has proved satisfactory. The items have either been produced in Brasil, or modified from English language texts. The list is available on writing to Bauru or to CERPHA (Palavra & Ação), Rua Guapeni 54/101, Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro-RJ, 20 520, Brasil.

Core list in ophthalmology for developing countries

Connie Dickinson, Director of the Medical Library of the King Khaled Eye Specialist Hospital, P.O. Box 7191, Riyadh 11462, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, has supplied information and a core list on ophthalmology in developing countries. Apart from covering all sub-specialities (optics, refraction, contact lenses, neuro-ophthalmology, paediatric ophthalmology, external disease and cornea, intraocular inflammation and uveitis, glaucoma, lens, anterior segment trauma, retina and vitreous, fundamentals and principles of ophthalmology), there is also a valuable list of publications on leprosy (Medicine 1989–September 1993).

Library packages for district hospitals and district health workers

Teaching-aids at low cost (TALC) has recently announced a scheme which makes small libraries of vital medical books available. The first library is for district hospitals. It contains 17 books,

including 2 on primary surgery, an AIDS handbook and the latest book on tuberculosis. It costs £85, including postage and packing by surface mail worldwide. The second, aimed at district health workers, has 14 books, including *Where there is no doctor*, a revised book on nutrition and a book on obstetric emergencies. It costs £60.00, including postage and packing by surface mail worldwide.

Apply: TALC (Teaching Aids at Low Cost), PO Box 49, St Albans, Herts AL1 4AX, England.

New publications on ocular leprosy—books and videos

In the last few months several publications, slides and videos on ocular leprosy have been newly developed or reprinted, and here we give them a short overview.

TALMILEP produced 2 training booklets written by Paul Courtright and Susan Lewallen entitled:

Guide to Ocular Leprosy for Health Workers: A Training Manual for Eye Care in Leprosy. Singapore etc., World Scientific, 1993, 46 pages. ISBN 981-02-1328-X, free of charge. (Available from TLMI, address see below.)

Written in simple English with illustrations, this booklet provides a step by step approach to eye care for middle level health workers. Contents include a list of tasks such as vision screening, how to recognize and treat or refer ocular complications, and some useful questions and answers.

Training Health Workers to Recognise, Treat, Refer and Educate Patients about Ocular Leprosy. Singapore etc., World Scientific, 1993, 52 pages. ISBN 981-02-1329-8, £1.00. (Available from TLMI, address see below.)

Accompanying training manual to above-named booklet. This manual contains material for a 5-day course on ocular leprosy and a list of tasks for health workers, course teaching objectives, pre- and post-tests, teaching methods and a suggested course schedule.

TALMILEP also produced a third revised version of:

Care of the Eye in Hansen's Disease. By Margaret Brand. Brentford, The Leprosy Mission International, 1993, 40 pages. ISBN 0-902731-36-X, free of charge.

This 40-page booklet deals with the management of eye complications in leprosy, paying special attention to corneal sensation.

You can order these publications from: Teaching & Learning Materials, The Leprosy Mission International, 80 Windmill Road, Brentford, Middlesex TW8 0QH, United Kingdom.

NSL/INFOLEP has produced 2 slide series and a video film on ocular leprosy developed by Margreet Hogeweg:

Ocular Complications in Leprosy. Africa. Series of 24 slides, accompanied by a booklet of 18 pages. Amsterdam, NSL-INFOLEP, 1993, free of charge.

Ocular Complications in Leprosy. Asia. Series of 24 slides, accompanied by a booklet of 18 pages. Amsterdam, NSL-INFOLEP, 1993, free of charge.

Both series illustrate the common eye complications in leprosy. The booklet demonstrates emphasis on a systematic, step by step diagnosis and gives guidelines for treatment. The slides feature African and Asian patients, respectively. They are meant to help teachers in their lessons on ocular leprosy and for self-tuition for leprosy field staff, eye nurses, medical students and ophthalmologists in training.

Lagophthalmos and Simple Lid Surgery in Leprosy. Video film, 14 minutes, VHS/PAL, English. Amsterdam, NSL, 1993. Target group: leprosy field staff. US\$20.00.

This video features several patients with lagophthalmos. It focusses on the commonest cause of lagophthalmos: reversal reaction in patients with facial patches. It then shows the dangers of lagophthalmos for the eye: exposure keratitis and corneal ulcer. It covers the treatment of recent lagophthalmos by systemic steroids and blinking exercises and the importance of sunglasses for protection in longstanding lagophthalmos. Finally it shows the simplest type of lid surgery in lagophthalmos: temporal tarsorrhaphy and the results of surgery after 3 months.

These slide series and video film are available from: The Netherlands Leprosy Relief Association (NSL), INFOLEP Leprosy Information Services, Wibautstr. 135, 1097 DN Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

The Study Aid Foundation Saint-Lazare (SLSL) reprinted its poster titled: *Dangers to the Eye in Leprosy.* Format A1, coloured, which is available free of charge from SLSL, c/o NSL, Wibautstr. 135, 1097 DN Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

WHO Catalogue on Hospitals in the District Health System, 1993 (updated)

This 35-page catalogue provides bibliographic and descriptive information for over 100 WHO publications offering practical and technical information that can help strengthen the medical care provided in small hospitals. Publications are grouped according to the role of hospitals in the district health system and the functions commonly performed at the first-referral level, as follows: hospitals and the health system, clinical functions, guides to the management of common diseases (includes AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, malaria, cholera, tuberculosis, the leishmaniases, leprosy, schistosomiasis, Chagas disease, sleeping sickness, lymphatic filariasis, viral diseases, hookworm infection), clinical support, hospital planning and design. Because of the wide diversity of conditions that may be seen at the first-referral hospital, many of these books serve as authoritative how-to guides for the safe management of illnesses and emergencies—whether involving the treatment of children hospitalized because of respiratory infections or the emergency management of life-threatening complications of malaria.

Aware that small hospitals often struggle under the burden of inadequate resources and supplies, other books offer advice on how to improve services by making the best choices when selecting drugs, ordering laboratory tests, or purchasing equipment. Still others guide hospital administrators and clinicians in the steps needed to upgrade hospital services, build new clinical skills, and extend competence.

An order form listing all titles included in this catalogue appears on pages 33–34. WHO publications can be ordered from booksellers, subscription agencies, or directly from WHO. Orders addressed to WHO must be accompanied by payment in Swiss francs, US dollars, or UNESCO coupons. Payment by credit card is accepted.

For developing countries 30% can be deducted from the prices given in the catalogue. For further information: WHO Publications, Distribution & Sales, 1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland.

International Health Exchange, London, UK

International Health Exchange aims to facilitate the provision of health workers to developing countries; to promote appropriate training for those preparing to work overseas and to raise awareness among health workers of the health and human resource needs of developing countries.

International Health Exchange provides:

- an international register of health professionals for work in developing countries;
- the *Health Exchange*, a bi-monthly health development and jobs magazine;
- a programme of short training courses for health workers.

The Training Programme provides a comprehensive approach to training in human resource development. Health workers are considered to be our best asset and the training programme aims to provide a forum for health workers to develop their knowledge, attitudes and practical skills in health development.

Apply: International Health Exchange, 38 King Street, London WC2E 8JT, England.

Clinical tuberculosis. John Crofton, Norman Horne & Fred Miller (1993)

This book is sponsored by the International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease and by TALC. A low cost edition for developing countries has been financially supported by the World Health Organization and other bodies. It is written primarily as a practical guide for busy non-specialist doctors working in areas with few resources. The language is simple and there is an extensive glossary. The book can therefore be useful to Health (Medical) Assistants and senior nurses with a limited knowledge of English. It can also serve as a helpful reference for younger doctors in developed countries who now have less experience of tuberculosis.

The book covers diagnosis and treatment of all types of tuberculosis, pulmonary and non-pulmonary, both in adults and children. It deals fully with the effects of HIV infection on the disease and describes the essential elements of a National Tuberculosis Control Programme. There are many line drawings and flow charts as aids to training, learning and clinical practice. 'Stories' about individual patients highlight practical points.

The 3 authors have had many years experience of dealing with tuberculosis and of teaching both undergraduates and postgraduates. They have advised in many countries in Asia, Africa and South America. The final text incorporates constructive comments on an earlier draft by experienced consultants from the IUATLD, WHO and consultants working in several countries in Asia, Africa and the Pacific. The book therefore represents much collective wisdom.

Price: £3.00 per copy for developing countries; £10.99 for developed countries. Add 30% for postage and packing (minimum £2.00) by surface mail, or 60% (minimum £2.50) for airmail. Apply: TALC (Teaching Aids at Low Cost), PO Box 49, St Albans, Herts AL1 4AX, England.

African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF)

AMREF is an independent non-profit organization which has been working to improve the health of the people in eastern Africa for over 30 years. It is one of the few international NGOs based in Africa. AMREF runs a wide variety of innovative projects with an emphasis on appropriate low-cost health care for rural areas. Current activities include:

- Training of community health workers.
- Training of rural health staff through continuing education, teacher training and correspondence courses.
- Development, printing and distribution of training manuals, journals and newsletters, and health education materials. This includes their *Afya*, *Defender* and *Cobasheca* newsletters.
- Health project development, planning and evaluation.
- Consultancies in these programme areas.

One of the units in AMREF is the Community Based Health Care Support Unit, which runs training for facilitators, trainers, Community Health Workers, Traditional Birth Attendants and Community Based Distributors of contraceptives. Supported by AMREF is the Health Education Network, with its own newsletter and Resource Centre.

AMREF has offices in a number of countries, in Africa and in the North. Its headquarters is at Wilson Airport, PO Box 30125, Nairobi, Kenya.