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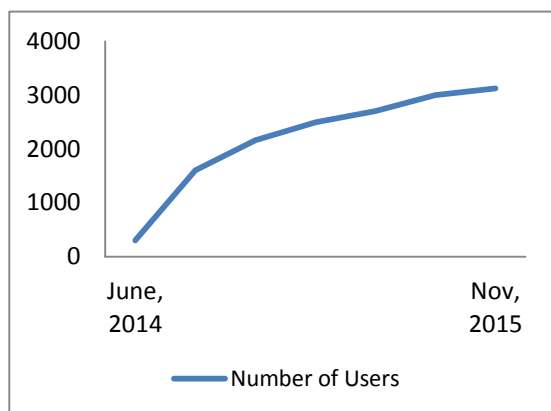
Welcome

WELCOME to the 5th edition of the PEPLN Newsletter. PEPLN is an initiative launched by AFPC in partnership with Canada Health Infoway to foster integration of the Informatics for Pharmacy Students e-Resource within pharmacy programs, and to highlight emerging trends in Digital Consumer Health. This issue includes information about a new Student Inter-Professional eHealth AWARD, a new SIG in Pharmacy Informatics, an update on project numbers and more

PEPLN by Numbers

The *Informatics for Pharmacy Students – e-Resource* was officially launched in January, 2014. Since initiation of the PEPLN project, the number of users has continued to grow! By the end of Nov 2015, the e-Resource had enrolled over 3100 individuals!

Fourteen Pharmacy Technician training programs have now also been registered for access to the e-Resource.



If you haven't already done so, you may access the e-Resource at: <http://afpc-education.info/moodle/index.php>

NEW – Student Inter-Professional eHealth Award

We are excited to announce that Canada Health Infoway (Infoway) in partnership with the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC), the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada (AFPC) and the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN) have created the **2016 Student Interprofessional eHealth Award!** Student teams comprising of undergraduate students from at least two Canadian schools of nursing, medicine or pharmacy who demonstrate exceptional leadership and commitment to interprofessional, collaborative practice enabled by digital health solutions are invited to submit an application for this unique award which includes national recognition and financial support. The deadline to apply is January 15th, 2016.

More information can be found on the Infoway website:
English: <https://www.infoway-inforoute.ca/en/our-partners/clinicians-and-the-health-care-community/clinical-engagement-and-leadership/next-generation-clinicians-in-training>

French: <https://www.infoway-inforoute.ca/fr/nos-partenaires/les-cliniciens-et-le-milieu-de-la-sante/engagement-et-leadership-des->



Knowledge Dissemination

The PEPLN initiative and e-Resource were featured in various presentations over the past several months. Where available, links have been provided to access the presentation on the conference organizers' websites.

- ✓ American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Annual Meeting - July, 2015:
 - Workshop - *Using an e-Resource in Informatics Education and Assessment for Pharmacy Students* – Lisa Bishop and Marie Rocchi
 - Poster Presentations:
 - *An innovative faculty development workshop using a pharmacy educator peer leader approach* – Lisa Bishop, Marie Rocchi
http://www.aacp.org/meetingsandevents/AM/2015/Documents/abstracts/ResearchEdu/Social_and_Admin_Sciences/An_Innovative_Faculty_Dev_Workshop_Using_a_PharmEducator_PeerLeaderApproach.pdf
 - *Evaluation of an e-Resource in Pharmacy Skills Courses* - Teri Charrois, Ken Cor
http://www.aacp.org/meetingsandevents/AM/2015/Documents/abstracts/ResearchEdu/Pharm_Practice/Evaluation_of_a_n_eResource_in_Pharmacy_Skills_Courses.pdf
 - *Implementation and Evaluation of an Online Informatics Resource through an E-Health Team Challenge* – Marion Pearson, Alan Low, Judith Soon, Matthew Chiang and Jaswinder Kaur
http://www.aacp.org/meetingsandevents/AM/2015/Documents/abstracts/ResearchEdu/Pharm_Practice/Implementation_and_Eval_of_an_Online.pdf
- ✓ Stanford Medicine X/ED 2015 digital health education conference - Oral presentation - *Building and implementing a national health informatics course for Canadian pharmacy students* - Sept, 2015 – Kelly Grindrod
- ✓ e-Health Webinar – Oral Presentation – *Integrating Informatics into Pharmacy Faculty Curriculum – Pharmacy Educator Peer Leader Network (PEPLN)* - Oct 7, 2015 – Harold Lopatka
- ✓ e-Safety Summit – Oral Presentation – *E-Safety through a National Program for Educating Pharmacists-in-Training* - Oct 27, 2015 – Harold Lopatka
http://www.coachorg.com/en/newsandevents/resources/eSafety_Summit/Presentations/3_Harold_Lopatka_Oct_27_Esafety_Presentation_-_AFPC_Lopatka.pdf

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Version 2 – Informatics for Pharmacy Students – e-Resource

Scheduled for release in 2016, the *Informatics for Pharmacy Students – e-Resource* will take on a fresh look and feel (the current version will continue to be used for the 2015-2016 academic year). Work on Version 2 is underway and will feature:

- Book vs tab format
- Updated content/copy editing
- Quizzes, certificate requirements

Not to worry - the interactive elements that students continue to enjoy will be retained, including polls, Virtual Patients and quizzes!

Speaking of Virtual Patients (VPs), have you checked out the 3 new VPs added to the e-Resource in 2015? These include Allergic Rhinitis, Cold Sores, and Headaches. Within the current version of the e-Resource, these Minor Ailments VPs are presented in Domain 3, Topic 3.2, Section 10. The e-Resource now contains a total of 16 VPs!!



Announcing – AFPC’s new ‘Pharmacy Informatics’ Special Interest Group

AFPC is pleased to announce the formation of a Special Interest Group (SIG) related to *Pharmacy Informatics!* This was viewed as a natural progression from the PEPLN initiative and was endorsed by the Peer Leaders at the June PEPLN *Knowledge Transfer* workshop.

AFPC’s Informatics SIG will focus on, promote and address key issues related to instruction in health informatics competencies for pharmacy students. It will also serve as a resource for pharmacy faculties and faculty members for facilitating inclusion of health informatics in pharmacy curricula.

The SIG will start off in January with a conference call for Peer Leaders. Further information about membership, etc will be forwarded as it becomes available. In the meantime, if you are interested in joining the group and/or would like more information, please contact Lisa Bishop at ldbishop@mun.ca.

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