

# The Role of Online Communication for Raising Awareness of Medical Informatics

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## Online learning community:

An online learning community is a common place on the Internet that addresses the learning needs of its members through proactive and collaborative partnerships.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Online\\_learning\\_community](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Online_learning_community)

## Virtual education:

Virtual education refers to instruction in a learning environment where teacher and student are separated by time or space, or both, and the teacher provides course content through course management applications, multimedia resources, the Internet, videoconferencing, etc. Students receive the content and communicate with the teacher via the same technologies

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virtual\\_education](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virtual_education)

## Wikis, blogs and podcasts: a new generation of Web-based tools for virtual collaborative clinical practice and education:

<http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6920/6/41>

## The Psychology of Virtual Communities

By Storm King

<http://webpages.charter.net/stormking/>

**The Psychology of Cyberspace:** It contains a list of links to all the articles and pages in the hypertext book (web site) The Psychology of Cyberspace.

<http://www-usr.rider.edu/~suler/psycyber/>

## The First Decade of CyberPsychology

Some Observations on the 10th Anniversary of *The Psychology of Cyberspace*

<http://www-usr.rider.edu/~suler/psycyber/decade.html>

## United States National Library of Medicine

**NLM Netiquette:** In addition to the DO and DO NOTs below, NLM suggests that before posting, new members read the list for a few days and review some of the archives. In this manner, the new subscriber can better understand the list's scope and observe the netiquette of the list.

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/listserv/netiquette.html>

**Second Life®** is a 3-D virtual world created by its Residents. Since opening to the public in 2003, it has grown explosively and today is inhabited by millions of Residents from around the globe:

<https://secure-web15.secondlife.com>

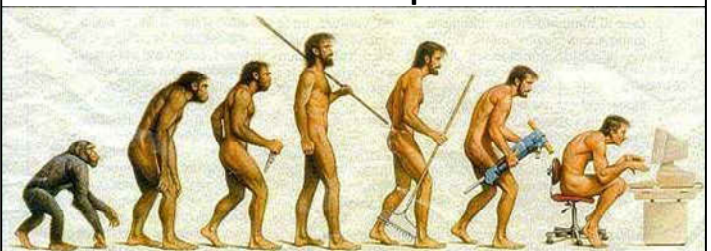
**HL7:** Introduction to HL7 is an on-line course, targeted to members of the healthcare information systems staff (engineers, system analysts, developers, physicians) needing to know more about HL7 (Health Level Seven) standards developed with the purpose of enabling communication between disparate applications in this domain.

<http://campus.hl7.org.ar/course/category.php?id=4>

**PSG Institute of Medical Sciences and Research** has been dedicated in the pursuit of "HEALTH FOR ALL". One of the ways to achieve that is to integrate informatics into healthcare delivery, education and research. The best way of spreading awareness far and wide in that regard is to make use of the World Wide Web.

<http://www.psgimsr.in/online-hi/>

## Future Prospects



**A thoughtful blending of online communication modalities, applied judiciously, can raise the awareness for medical informatics manifold.**

**Only those who do not have a future think of the future** - Oscar Fingall O'Flahertie Wills Wilde