Poster Session

Construction of a Quality Evaluation Model of Internet Information for Health Virtual Libraries of Pan American Health Organization. Results From an Adolescent Specialized Health Virtual Library of Mexico

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The Health Virtual Library (HVL) Adolec Mexico, of the BIREME/PAHO/WHO's HVL project, contributes to the development of adolescent health from Mexico to Latin America and the Caribbean by promoting the use of scientific and technical health information on the web. The Regional Coordination Meeting of Health Virtual Library held in Cuba in 2001, urged to support a project of Adolec Mexico aimed to generate a quality evaluation model for the Latin America and the Caribbean HVL network. This model will be targeted to the experts and public, and its implementation will be promoted in the HVL network. The HVL Adolec Mexico is actually working (2001-2003) through a methodology that includes: a) a complete literature review process for a "state of the art" paper, b) construction of a quality evaluation instrument that will consider access, design and contents criteria; then, experts' validation, internal reliability validation, and validity of construct tests of the evaluation criteria will be held, c) a pilot test will be held by those responsible of the PAHO-HVLs into their own HVLs and d) the instrument will be then organized, procedures stablished and the final model refined. We present here our preliminary results that show the most relevant of the state of the art including a classification of internet resources, the evaluation instrument that will include 3 areas, 15 categories, and 63 criteria, and some advances of the validation and pilot tests over different PAHO-HVLs.