

Pedscapes

Meningitis Research Foundation, UK - www.meningitis.org The website of the meningitis research foundation contains detailed information various types of meningitis in all age groups, with an accent on meningococcal disease. Information on clinical features in various age groups, complications, vaccines and travel precautions are also given. Guidelines for recognizing meningococcal disease, differentiation between septicemia and meningitis and protocols for management in hospital by specialists and nurses, by the GP and at the primary care level are given. Wall charts and information booklets can be downloaded. Information about latest research, news, conferences and the quarterly newsletter 'microscope' can also be accessed from the website.

PIER(Pediatric Information and Education Resource, UK)-www.pier.shef.ac.uk The PIER website has been hosted by the Sheffield Children's Hospital, UK and is a leading information source on clinical pediatrics. Over 100 guidelines on management of various pediatric diseases can be downloaded from this website. MCQ's, virtual lectures, links to specialty groups and an online formulary (under development) are the other features. The patient information and links to self-help groups section contains a large collection of patient information pamphlets for download.

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