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Editorial

The internet is an increasingly important source of information for anaesthetists. Many societies, journals and organisations provide websites, which often contain useful material for the clinician. Some of the mainline journals are prepared to give free access to healthcare workers in developing countries and either abstracts or full text articles can be downloaded. A list of useful anaesthesia related sites is given on page 48 and one of these, the Virtual Anaesthetic Machine is featured on page 30. We would be pleased to review more anaesthesia related sites, particularly of an educational nature. Readers should, however, be aware that it can be difficult to ensure the accuracy of all information provided via the internet.

Our own website www.nda.ox.ac.uk/wfsa has seen a large increase in the number of people accessing it. In March 2002 we had an average of 114 visits daily, from 134 different countries. Recently both the Russian and French editions of Update have become available on-line (details below) and it is hoped to provide the Spanish version in the near future. All previous editions of Update and the Primary Trauma Care Manual are available on a free computer CD ROM (email: pip.elphick@e-talc.org) and on the web.

The demand for Update continues to increase both for the printed and electronic version. We hope that it continues to be of interest. Please send ideas for articles or topics to the editor, preferably by email. Whenever possible please access the electronic versions of Update (internet or CD ROM). The paper version is expensive to post overseas, and is produced for those anaesthetists without computer access. We are very grateful for the continuing support of the World Federation of Societies of Anesthesiologists in the production and distribution of Update in Anaesthesia.

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