

# WEB Review World Health Organization <http://www.who.ch>

Pages with reference to book, From 154 To 155

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The objective of WHO is the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health. The mission statement of WHO web site begins with this sentence. The WHO web site is the best place to remain updated about the most recent worldwide health policies. The main page takes a little extra time to download and is not as impressive as that of the CDC or American Lung Association. However, the links are extremely useful. The best way is to go through the site map that will let you save a lot of surfing time by directly jumping to the page with all links available at WHO. The site also has an excellent search engine for focused surfing. You will find a few links about the organization itself and its policies. The most useful is the diseases part. They have categorized diseases in a very easy format. The health policies and statistics will be a real help for epidemiologists.

Their main library is also accessible online including the publications and periodicals issued by WHO. Links also lead to information relating NGO's, WHO worldwide offices, a telephone directory of the headquarters, WHOSIS (WHO Statistical Information System), Special upcoming events and WHO world reports up till 1998. For the doctors who are unemployed: there is a WHO vacancy list. It's worth trying. For those professionals who want to keep themselves informed about the Official International Health news and policies. The World Health Organization/Organisation Mondiale De La Sante site at <http://www.who.ch> is highly recommended.