



Health On the Net Foundation

Non Governmental Organization

Quality of health related information on the Web

How to safely search for health information on the Web?

Celia Boyer and Judith Patterson

Health On the Net Foundation

Geneva Health Forum: Strengthening Health Systems and the Global Health Workforce

Geneva May 27th 2008

www.hon.ch



Health On the Net Foundation

Non Governmental Organization

Quality of health related information on the Web

- **Situation:**
 - **2 Patients**
 - **Both have been advised to loose some weight by their family doctor**
 - **Both are very busy and wish they could take a medication to loose weight without having to change their lifestyle**
 - **Both are seraching information on such a pill on the internet**

Conseil : Recherche pour résultats en Français uniquement. Vous pouvez indiquer votre langue de recherche dans Préférences

[The Best Diet Pills for Sale](#) - [Traduire cette page]

We compare diet pills such as Phentermine, Xenical, Bontril and Meridia.

www.weight-loss-institute.com/diet_pills.htm - 63k - En cache - Pages similaires

[Weight Loss Psychology - Why Diet Pills & Programs Fail](#) - [Traduire cette page]

Unpopular truths about weight loss and diet pills/programs. Why most efforts fail to produce permanent results.

www.weight-dieting.org/ - 9k - En cache - Pages similaires

[Promote Fast Weight Loss With Weight Loss Diet Pills](#) - [Traduire cette page]

Best weight loss diet pill. Buy the most effective weight loss diet pills, diet pills by doctors including Xenical weight loss pills and Reductil weight ...

www.on-linepharmacyuk.com/weightlossdietpills.htm - 25k - En cache - Pages similaires

[Weight Loss Supplement, Diet Pill, Fat Burner Reviews - Diet ...](#) - [Traduire cette page]

Diet pill and fat burner reviews - weight loss supplement, fat loss supplement review.

www.bodybuildingforyou.com/weight-loss-etc/fat-burners-reviews.htm - 39k -

En cache - Pages similaires

[Diet Pills | Weight Loss Products | Buy Best Diet Pills](#) - [Traduire cette page]

Easy to follow guide on the best diet pills, weight loss products, diet plans, and resources for losing weight.

www.weightlossguide.com/ - 20k - En cache - Pages similaires

Patient A



- Diet Pills
- Weight Loss Programs
- BMI Calculator
- Calorie Counter
- Calorie Calculator
- Links

Expert Opinion

Our research and experience shows that the health benefits of sustained weight loss are tremendous for those who are currently overweight. The Weight Loss Institute was set-up to assist those people who wish to lose weight by providing them with research and advice as well as a range of diets and diet pills.

Weight Loss Clinic



Diet Pills Researched by The Weight Loss Institute

The effectiveness of diet pills has been intensively studied by many international organisations and research institutes. Unfortunately this research is often not published in a suitable way for the customer to be able to compare the different diet pills, nutritional supplements and weight loss products available on the market.

The Weight Loss Institute has conducted research on a large number of different diet pills. Below is an overview based on the results of this research. As expected, a large number of the diet pills that have been researched have proven to be ineffective or even have serious side effects. Most of these products are not included in the overview below. On the other hand, our research team has identified a number of diet pills that may be of benefit to the consumer, with little or no known side effects.

Hoodia Gordonii Pure

Price:37,95 USD



Hoodia Gordonii Pure is a natural product, with 800 mg of Hoodia Gordonii Extract. This ingredient has been shown to have an appetite suppressing effect. The Hoodia Gordonii Extract works by "tricking the brain" into having less or no hunger feelings and also reducing cravings for food sugary products. Like with all diet pills, to achieve the best results Hoodia Gordonii Pure should be taken together with a regular exercise program and a healthy diet. This product is Ephedra Free.

[More information](#)

Side effects:

No serious side effects have been reported

Rating: ★★★★★

Value: ★★★★★

Tolerance: ★★★★★

Product Information



Xerisan ASA

Price:69,50 USD



The Weight Loss Institute considers, "Xerisan ASA" to be one of the most promising new herbal diet pills introduced in the last few years. One of the main ingredients in Xerisan, Phaseolus Vulgaris, has in recent studies been shown to act as a blocker of the alpha-amylase enzyme, which is an enzyme required for the metabolism of carbohydrates. Although the Xerisan product has only recently been launched, the effects of some of the ingredients have been published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition and in the International Journal of Medical Sciences. According to the Weight Loss Institute this

Rating: ★★★★★

Value: ★★★★★

Tolerance: ★★★★★

Product Information



Patient A



- Diet Pills
- Weight Loss Programs
- BMI Calculator
- Calorie Counter
- Calorie Calculator
- Links

Diet Pills Comparison Chart

Product Name	Price	Rating
Hoodia Gordonii Pure	37.95 USD	5 Stars
Phentermine	100.00 USD	3 Stars
Bontril	150.00 USD	4 Stars
Phenolphthalein	80.00 USD	2 Stars
Phenylpropanolamine	90.00 USD	3 Stars
Sibutramine	120.00 USD	4 Stars
Phenylephrine	70.00 USD	2 Stars
Phenylacetone	60.00 USD	3 Stars
Phenylacetone	50.00 USD	2 Stars
Phenylacetone	40.00 USD	3 Stars
Phenylacetone	30.00 USD	2 Stars
Phenylacetone	20.00 USD	3 Stars
Phenylacetone	10.00 USD	2 Stars



Hoodia Gordonii Pure

Rating: ★★★★★

Value: ★★★★★

Tolerance: ★★★★★



We are so confident in Hoodia Gordonii Pure that we offer 100% Money-Back-Guarantee even on opened bottles! [Details](#)

Order Now

- 20 days package: 37.95 USD
- 6 weeks package: ~~75.90~~ 64.90 USD [Save \\$11.00](#)
- 4 months package: ~~227.70~~ 186.00 USD [Save \\$41.70](#)

[Order Now](#)

According to the research conducted by the Weight Loss Institute Hoodia Gordonii Pure is one of the most encouraging natural weight loss supplements available on the market. This product was only recently introduced but the main ingredient, the Hoodia Gordonii Extract, is well known for its appetite suppressant abilities. The Hoodia Gordonii Pure sold by The Weight Loss Institute contains 800 mg of pure Hoodia extract.

Ingredients and Effects

The ingredients in this supplement are 100% natural and contain no ephedrine. The research conducted by the Weight Loss Institute shows that the Hoodia Gordonii extract acts like an appetite suppressant. It works by tricking the brain into thinking that you are not hungry and by this decreasing your craving for food and ultimately your calorie intake.

Dosage

One capsule of Hoodia Gordonii Pure should be taken 2 times a day.

Side Effects

No serious side effects have been reported from the use of Hoodia Gordonii Pure.

Conclusion

The Weight Loss Institute has rated Hoodia Gordonii Pure to be one of the most promising non-prescription diet pills available on the market today and recommends it to overweight and obese adults trying to lose weight.

Shopping Cart

Your cart is empty! [Buy the Best Diet Pills Now!](#)



World Wide Free Shipping



Patient A



HON

Health On the Net Foundation

Non Governmental Organization

Medical information you can trust!



| SPEECH: [ON](#) - [More info?](#) | [FR](#) - [EN](#) - [DE](#) - [SP](#) - [CN](#) |

[PATIENT / INDIVIDUAL](#)

[MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL](#)

[WEB PUBLISHER](#)

[HONcode sites](#)

[All Web sites](#)

[HONselect](#)

[News](#)

[Conferences](#)

[Images](#)

Search the best and most reliable medical information sites

HONDossiers

Special in-depth reports and eHealth trends

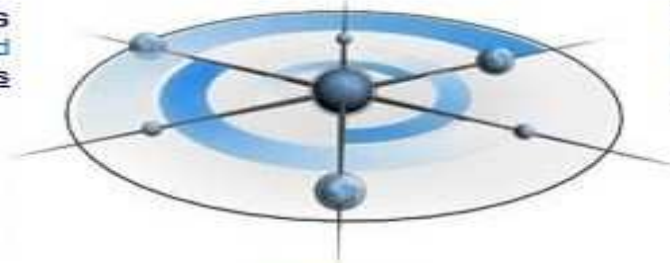
HONproject

Initiatives and services
Partnership with Google



HONcode
Improving Online Health
Information Quality

[Ask for HONcode accreditation](#)



WRAPIN

Automatically determines reliability
of medical documents

News and Events

**HON: the official
accrediting body for all
French health websites**

fondation 
pro visu

*Eye diseases and the
prevention of blindness*

Patient B

[About us](#)

[Site map](#)

[Job Offers](#)

[HONnewsletter](#)

[Contact](#)

Health On the Net Foundation is the leading organization [promoting and guiding](#) the deployment of useful and reliable online medical and health information, and its appropriate and efficient use. Created in 1995, HON is a non-profit, non-governmental organization, accredited to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. [\(Read more about HON\)](#)



HONcode

- What is it?
- Presentation
- HONcode Toolbar
- How to apply
- Policing
- Principles
- Sample of sites
- Site Evaluation Form
- Encrypt your email
- Feedback
- Contacts

- EU Quality recommendation

HONcode sites HONselect All Web sites News Conferences Images

EN | FR | DE | SP | PT | RU | IT | PL | CN |

accredited web sites

Medical information you can trust!

For health professionals	For women	For seniors	For children
For patients	For men	For newborns	For teens

search amongst 1 million trustworthy health Web pages (updated daily)

Résultats 1 - 10 pour **weight loss diet pill** avec SafeSearch. (0,56 secondes)

Weight Loss Drugs: How Much Do **Diet Pills** Help? Recherche personnalisée
You've seen the ads promising successful **weight loss** by taking **diet** drugs or **weight loss** supplements, but do they really deliver results?
www.webmd.com/diet/features/weight-loss-drugs-how-much-do-diet-pills-help

Over-the-counter weight-loss pills: Do they work? - MayoClinic.com
... **weight-loss pills** work? Get the facts about non-prescription **diet** aids. ... Here's a look at some non-prescription **weight-loss pills** and what they will ...
www.mayoclinic.com/health/weight-loss/HQ01160

Lipovarin: Another 'miracle' weight-loss drug? - Diet pills and ...
I really want to lose some **weight**, and I'm thinking about trying a **diet pill** called Lipovarin. I've read many positive things about it on the Internet.
www.revolutionhealth.com/.../weight-management/weight-loss-options/diet-pills-supplements/lipovarin-miracle

Contraceptive pill and weight gain
I've gained **weight** since starting the contraceptive **pill** ... with a treatment that not only assists the **loss** of **weight**, but acts as a contraceptive as well. ...
www.netdoctor.co.uk/ate/birthcontrolandcontraception/207404.html

Patient B

May 20, 2008
WebMD
 Better information. Better health.

HOME HEALTH A-Z DRUGS & TREATMENTS WOMEN MEN CHILDREN'S HEALTH NEWS & BLOGS MESSAGE BOARDS

health & diet
Weight Loss Drugs: How Much Do Diet Pills Help?

The truth about weight loss medications and supplements.
 By Kathleen M. Zelman, MPH, RD, LD Reviewed by Louise Chang, MD
 WebMD Weight Loss Clinic-Feature

"Clinically proven to help you lose weight without being hungry or working out for hours at the gym!"

You've seen the ads promising successful weight loss by taking diet drugs or weight loss supplements, but do they really deliver results? Could weight loss medications and over-the-counter supplements really help to reverse the obesity epidemic?

Experts who spoke to WebMD agreed that there's no such thing as a quick fix or magic bullet when it comes to losing weight. Weight loss medications (not to be confused with dietary supplements) can help you lose weight, but only if you also cut calories and get moving. And effective weight loss, they say, is slow and gradual — anywhere from 1/2 to 2 pounds per week, even with the help of diet drugs.

"Weight loss medications can be modestly effective, and enhance weight loss by 8%-10%, but medication does not work for everyone," says Robert Kushner, MD, a professor of medicine at Northwest University.

Kushner estimates that about a third of his patients respond well to medication. But he points out that drug therapy is only one part of a lifestyle that also includes a healthy eating plan, regular exercise, and behavior modification.

Louis Aronne, MD, director of the comprehensive weight control program at New York Presbyterian Cornell Weill Medical Center, agrees.

"Medications can really make a difference for some people, but it must be part of a complete lifestyle that includes diet and exercise," he says.

One problem, says Aronne, is that there are simply not enough medications to choose from.

"We have numerous medications for conditions like high blood pressure, but when it comes to treating obesity we only have a few, and we could use 5-10 different types of weight loss drugs," he says.

Weight Loss Drugs and How They Work
 There are two basic types of weight loss drugs — prescription drugs, which have been around for years, and now, with the release of Alli, over-the-counter medications. Other over-the-counter weight loss remedies are considered dietary supplements, they do not undergo the same type of FDA approval process as drugs.

"Approved weight loss drugs must prove they are safe and effective with strong scientific evidence in order to pass the stringent FDA approval process," says Aronne, former president of the North American Association for the Study of Obesity (NAASO).

In the prescription drug category, there are basically three choices, Xenical (orlistat), sibutramine (Alli), and phentermine.

Xenical (orlistat) is a fat blocker that prevents fat from being completely absorbed in the gastrointestinal tract. Prescription strength is 120 milligrams, over-the-counter Alli is the same drug at half strength, or 60 milligrams.

Fat blockers reduce fat absorption and, as a result, some people are plagued with oily discharge, fatty stools, gas, and/or inability to control bowel movements. These side effects are the result of the fat not being absorbed by the body. Eating a low-fat diet reduces the risk of potential side effects. But, if your diet is already low in fat, you may see less of an impact from the medication, as there is less fat to block.

1 2 3 NEXT PAGE

SHARE What is this? Blog Submit Like Us More...

WebMD newsletter
 Healthy Cooking
 Get recipes to boost your health.
 Enter Email Address SUBMIT

Health Solutions from our sponsors

ADD/ADHD | Allergies | Alzheimer's Disease | Anxiety Disorders | Arthritis | Asthma | Back Pain | Balance | Bipolar Disorder | Cancer | Cholesterol | Cold & Flu | Depression | Diabetes | Diet & Weight Loss | Erectile Dysfunction | Fibrosis | Food & Cooking | Genetic Testing | Heart Health | Heartburn/GERD | Hypertension | IBS | Incontinence | Menopause | Migraines | Osteoporosis | Parenting | Pregnancy | Sex & Relationships | Sexual Conditions | Skin & Beauty | Skin Problems | Sleep Disorders | Stroke | All Health Topics

A-Z Health Guides: Health Topics A-Z | Healthy Living A-Z | Drugs A-Z | Tests & Tools A-Z | Community A-Z | Medical Dictionary A-Z | Video A-Z | First Aid A-Z
Health Services: Today's News | Find a Doctor | Find a Hospital | Symptom Checker | Health Care Services | WebMD Health Manager | WebMD Weight Loss Clinic

About WebMD | Terms of Use | Privacy Policy | Sponsor Policy | Site Map | Link to Us | Careers | Contact Us | Newsletters
 HLTH Corporation | WebMD Corporate | eMedicine | Medscape | Medcenter | Bealix | WebMD The Magazine

©2005-2008 WebMD, LLC. All rights reserved.
 WebMD does not provide medical advice, diagnosis or treatment. See additional information.

health & diet

Weight Loss Drugs: How Much Do Diet Pills Help?

FONT SIZE
A A A

The truth about weight loss medications and supplements.

By Kathleen M. Zelman, MPH, RD, LD Reviewed by Louise Chang, MD
WebMD Weight Loss Clinic-Feature

"Clinically proven to help you lose weight without being hungry or working out for hours at the gym!"

You've seen the ads promising successful weight loss by taking diet drugs or weight loss supplements, but do they really deliver results? Could weight loss medications and over-the-counter supplements really help to reverse the obesity epidemic?

Experts who spoke to WebMD agreed that there's no such thing as a quick fix or magic bullet when it comes to losing weight. Weight loss medications (not to be confused with dietary supplements) can help you lose weight, but only if you also cut calories and get moving. And effective weight loss, they say, is slow and gradual — anywhere from 1/2 to 2 pounds per week, even with the help of diet drugs.

"Weight loss medications can be modestly effective, and enhance weight loss by 8%-10%, but medication does not work for everyone," says Robert Kushner, MD, a professor of medicine at Northwest University.

Patient B

Importance of the Online Health and Medical Information

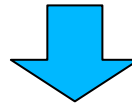
- Internet is mainstream media
 - 1,403 million users worldwide connected in 2008*
- Importance of medical information on the Internet
 - 1,200 million results for the search term, “health” on Google
 - One in five patients are looking for health information online**
 - 46 million results for the search term, “health blog” on Google

* <http://www.internetworldstats.com/>

** French National Health Authority

How to gauge the reliability and accuracy of health 2.0 resources?

Establish standards and guidelines



Certification

- General need for clear and transparent standards for disseminating health information
- Both external justification of practices and internal quality management
- ‘Looking over the shoulder’ provides an incentive for further work

Do we need to reinvent the wheel?

Is the HONcode standards applicable to the Health 2.0?

1. Authoritative

Indicate the qualifications of the authors

2. Complementarity

Information should support, not replace, the doctor-patient relationship; Audience

3. Privacy

Respect the privacy and confidentiality of personal data submitted to the site by the visitor

4. Attribution

Cite the source(s) of published information and dating of medical and health pages

5. Justifiability

Site must back up claims relating to benefits and performance

6. Transparency

Accessible presentation, identities of editor and Webmaster, accurate email contact

7. Financial disclosure

Identify funding sources

8. Sponsorship

Clearly distinguish advertising from editorial content

What is missing?

HON Quality Management System

- Addition from annual internal review, HON is now inspected by neutral qualified organisations according to stringent norms like EN45011/ISO65
- Standard of quality are applied for :
 - All HON personnel during recruitment, training and internal auditing
 - Documentation of all HON procedures
- Quality enforcement management
 - Complaint handling and tracking system
 - Automatic difference tracker to monitor certified sites
 - HONcode Blog will soon be online

HONcode certification protocol

- The Web publisher submits a request to be certified and to obtain the right to display the HONcode seal
- The Web publisher fills in an online questionnaire
- The HONcode review team conducts a thorough evaluation of the website

According to findings, website is:

- certified
 - certified under condition to modify/add some statement on the website
 - not certified until modifications have been made
- If certified, a unique HONcode seal is granted
 - Each website is re-evaluated each year
 - The certified website is integrated into the database of HONcode certified websites, HONcodeHunt



An example of a certified site



The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window with the address bar displaying 'http://www.santemagazine.fr/accueil/nav'. The page content includes a sidebar with navigation menus for 'Examens', 'Opérations', and 'Paroles d'expert'. The main content area features a purple advertisement for 'HORS-SÉRIE BEAUTÉ' magazine, which offers '111 pages pratiques à télécharger' and a link 'ICI'. Below the ad, there is a section titled 'Quelles sont les autres causes de douleurs articulaires ?' with text explaining joint pain causes like tendonitis and capsulitis. At the bottom right, the author 'Emmanuel Perochon' and a date 'Révision : 15 décembre 2007' are listed.

A logo linked to a dynamic, unique and dated certificate. The logo also displays last date of review.

HONcode

Health On the Net Foundation

This certificate in english

Statut de l

After revision by the HONcode team the status of the site is in conformance with the HON code.



Santé Magazine
en conformité avec le HONcode

Site santé certifié le "10 Jan 2008" par la fondation Health On the Net en collaboration avec la Haute Autorité de Santé selon la loi n° 2004-810 du 13 août 2004



HAUTE AUTORITÉ DE SANTÉ

CERTIFICAT

Unique, personalised identification number

Nom du site:	Santé Magazine
Adresse Web:	http://www.santemagazine.fr/
Numéro d'identification HONcode:	HONConduct933387
Date de revue initiale:	29 Nov 2007
Date de dernière revue:	10 Jan 2008
Durée de validité du certificat	1 an avec réévaluation systématique

Ce certificat atteste la révision du site par l'équipe HONcode et confirme son respect des 8 principes* du Code de Conduite de HON (HONcode).

* 1. Autorité 2. Complémentarité 3. Confidentialité 4. Attribution 5. Justification 6. Professionnalisme 7. Transparence du financement 8. Honnêteté dans la publicité et la politique éditoriale



Téléchargez la Toolbar gratuite HONcode - Vérification automatique du statut des sites Web médicaux et de santé.

The HONcode database: HONcodeHunt

- + 5,700 sites
- 72 countries
- 32 languages
- English: 52%
- French: 11% ; 220 HAS-HON
- Italian: 7%

- 1,400,000 web pages certified in Google.com

- The HONcode team:
 - 7 MDs, 2 medical students, 1 pharmacist, 2 licensed lawyers and 1 biologist

Examples:

- ClinicalTrials.gov
- HealthInsite.gov.au
- 10000steps.org.au
- betterhealth.vic.gov.au
- The National Urban League
- MEDLINEplus.gov
- PubMed
- Stop-tabac.ch
- Hospital 12 de Octubre
- Sociedad Argentina de Pediatría
- Diabetes Netzwerk Deutschland
- e-sante.fr
- chu-rouen.fr
- eurordis.org

Search engine of HONcode certified sites



HONcode: chercher parmi plus d'un million de pages web de confiance - Internet Explorer fourni par Dell

http://www.hon.ch/HONcode/Search/search_f.html?cx

Fichier Edition Affichage Favoris Outi >> Certifié HONcode j'ai mal à l'estomac

HONcode: chercher parmi plus d'un million de p...

HONcode Health On the Net Foundation

EN | FR | DE | SP | PT | RU | IT | PL | CN |

Charte de "Health On the Net" (HONcode) destinée aux sites Web médicaux et de santé

HONcode

- What is it?
- Présentation
- Toolbar HONcode
- Adhésion
- Politique
- Principes
- Exemples de sites
- Vérification
- Crypter votre email
- Commentaires
- Contacts

HONcode HONsélection sites Web News Conférences Images

EN | FR | DE | SP | PT | RU | IT | PL | CN |

HONcode sites web accrédités

c'est quoi un ulcère à l'estomac Chercher

L'information médicale de confiance!

Pour les professionnels Pour les patients

chercher parmi plus d'un million de pages web de confiance (mise à jour quotidienne)

Résultats 1 - 10 pour c'est quoi un ulcère à l'estomac. (0,10 secondes)

C'est quoi, un ulcère à l'estomac? - Ulcère - e-santé : forums ...

Ma soeur vient d'avoir un **ulcère à l'estomac**, mais elle refuse de s'étendre sur le sujet. Elle dit que ça vient d'une crise de stress qu'elle vient de ...

www.e-sante.fr/fr/forums_sante/c-est-quoi-un-ulcere-a-l-estomac?-17285-127-1.htm

Google™ Recherche personnalisée

Identification of certified sites

Tool bar for HONcode certified sites:

Certified



Trusted Search engine

Not certified



Certified



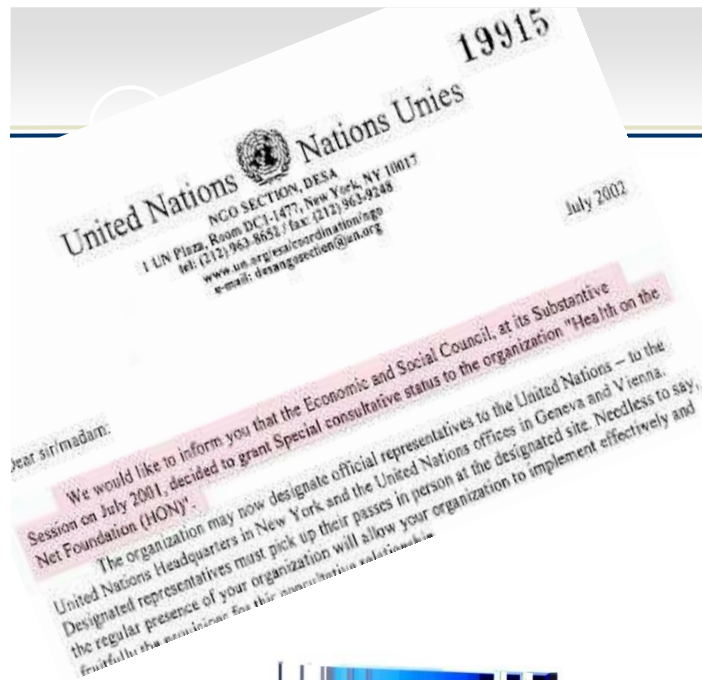
Who we are?

Non Governmental Organisation

Created in 1995 under the auspices of Ministry of Health, Geneva (DES)

Mission: to guide Internet users by highlighting reliable, comprehensible, relevant and trustworthy sources of online health and medical information

Since 1995, HON has been tackling the major obstacles of Internet usage: the overwhelming quantity of information and the uneven quality of health information available online



HONcode is the official international standard for quality of health websites in France

The French bill 2004-810, 13th August 2004 regarding the health insurance, has mandated the HAS to define a certification procedure for health websites:
the HAS chooses HON for the certification of all French health websites

Processus de vérification d'un site



Central neurofibromatosis

Neurofibromatosis 2 (NF2) is a genetic disorder in which tumors form on the nerves of the brain and spine (the central nervous system).

See also: [Neurofibromatosis 1 \(NF1\)](#)

Symptoms

Symptoms of NF2 include:

- ◆ Balance problems
- ◆ [Cataracts](#) at a young age
- ◆ Changes in vision
- ◆ Coffee-colored marks on the skin
- ◆ Facial weakness
- ◆ Headaches
- ◆ Hearing loss
- ◆ Ringing and noises in the ears

Treatment

Most patients need surgery to remove tumors. Tumors also can be treated with radiation.

The information provided on this page should not be used during any medical emergency or for the diagnosis or treatment of any medical condition. A licensed medical professional should be consulted for diagnosis and treatment of any and all medical conditions. Call 911 for all medical emergencies. Links to other sites are provided for information only – they do not constitute endorsements of those other sites.

A.D.A.M. creates health content for consumers that is physician-reviewed by experts in their field. © 1997-2008 A.D.A.M., Inc. Any unauthorized duplication or distribution of the information contained herein is strictly prohibited.



A.D.A.M., Inc. is accredited by URAC, also known as the American Accreditation HealthCare Commission (www.urac.org). URAC's accreditation program is an independent audit to verify that A.D.A.M. follows rigorous standards of quality and accountability. A.D.A.M. is among the first to achieve this important distinction for online health information and services. Learn more about A.D.A.M.'s editorial process. A.D.A.M. is also a founding member of Hi-Ethics (www.hiethics.com) and subscribes to the principles of the Health on the Net Foundation (www.hon.ch).

Illustrations



[Central nervous system](#)

Related News - [More »](#)

[Regenerative Activity In The Peripheral Nervous System Could Mean ...](#)

Science Daily (press release) - 1 day ago
 ... in the condition of **neurofibromatosis type 2**, leading to a better understanding of this condition and the development of therapies for this condition.
 ...

[A cut above](#)

Tri-Town Transcript - 6 days ago
 At age 3, Faby and Doug LeColst's son, Stephan, was diagnosed with **neurofibromatosis type 2**, a genetic disorder that occurs in one of every 25000 births. ...

Conclusion

- Active for over 10 years
- International position: independent and neutral
- HONcode: the most widely known seal
- Contributes to improve the work practices behind information review and provision
- Collaboration with the French HAS to be the official certification body for all French health Websites
- Collaboration with Google Health

Future developments

- Solutions settled on the Web 1.0 can be adapted to the Web 2.0 through:
 - Data mining in order to support human expertise and tackle the large number of existing Web pages and changing content
 - Contribution from the citizens (patients and health professionals)
- Organizing a working conference on the certification in the age of Web 2.0
- Continued monitoring trends

“How Site Providers Value HONcode Certification: Experiences with Review and Ideas about Third Party Certification in the Age of Web 2.0”

Samantha A. Adams and Celia Boyer

Erasmus Medical Center, Rotterdam, the Netherlands;

Health on the Net Foundation, Geneva, Switzerland