

**Evaluation of Health Websites:
A Document analysis**

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Abstract

A great deal of effort has been invested in promoting high quality web pages in general. Long lists of criteria of "good" web pages have been proposed. So far, not many studies have been dealing with the specific problems of health web sites.

Among these studies, the majoring has rather been using quantitative methods. What is needed however is a document analysis studies using qualitative methods on health web sites. The study will be focused on the research papers all around the worlds. All the papers will be read examine and the important part of the studies will be drawn out. Some of the most important general criteria for high-quality web pages were selected, together with a number of medical and health specific criteria.

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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.0 INTRODUCTION

A Health site is defined as any site where information relating to topics that impact health (including wellness, disease, and treatment) or products and services to these reside. An Internet technology now provides access to information a huge volume and a broad variety of health informations. The quality of this information is critically important as it could potentially affect health outcomes for millions. Yet the quality of health information on the Internet is extremely variable and difficult to access. Thus the choice of appropriate evaluation criteria for the information is both crucial and challenging. This problem is generally recognized. There is no consensus, however, on how to resolve the problem, and there remain no uniform guidelines for quality and inaccurate health information, many organizations and individuals have published or implemented criteria for evaluating the appropriateness or quality of these resources.