

ONLINE TEACHING RESOURCES NEEDS ASSESSMENT: A COMPARISON FROM 2003-2007

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Abstract: The Health Education Assets Library (HEAL) is an international digital library containing over 20,000 freely available health sciences multimedia education resources. The HEAL team conducted a needs assessment survey of health sciences educators in 2003 and then again in 2007. A comparison of the results of the two surveys will be presented.

Methods: The survey in 2003 was promoted to health sciences educators through relevant health sciences education listservs. In 2007, HEAL users that had signed up for HEAL's mailing list were surveyed. The objectives of the survey were to determine support for the digital library, get input about collection development, identify the multimedia formats that are most commonly needed in health sciences education, determine which obstacles for sharing exists and how incentives for sharing can be created, and determine whether the digital library met user needs over the three year period. The surveys were conducted online and took less than ten minutes to complete.

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