Meeting opening

The EQUATOR Network
Launch Meeting
26 June 2008

Sir J A Muir Gray
Director, NHS National Knowledge Service, Oxford, UK
The future is here; it is just not generally distributed

William Gibson
The future is not a destination like Beachy Head, waiting for our arrival; it is something like the Regent Street and Park that we have to imagine, plan and build
“Between 1997 and 2001, there was no evidence of progress in the proportion of trials published in general medical journals that discussed the new results within the context of, or with reference to, up-to-date systematic reviews of relevant evidence from other controlled trials.”

Discussion Sections in Reports of Controlled Trials Published in General Medical Journals
JAMA, 287: 2799-2801
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Between 2000 and 2006, the general rate of inflation in the UK was 16%, while periodical prices are estimated to have risen by 39% over the same period. On average, periodical prices have risen faster than inflation in the UK."

Sonya White and Claire Creaser, Loughborough: LISU, 2007
http://www.lboro.ac.uk/departments/dis/lisu/pages/publications/oup2.html
20th Century Question
Can our health care costs be reduced?

21st century question
Can our environmental costs be reduced?
The campaign for greener healthcare

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