Continet, Korea on the World Wide Web

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Aims of study: To provide and exchange up-to-date informations about incontinence with health-care professionals and lay people by establishing an home page on the internet in the name of Korean Continence Foundation.

Methods: Preliminary review about the international milieu for the issue of incontinence on the internet was done.

First, all websites related to incontinence were meticulously surveyed. Second, we made our own home page in the name of the Korean Continence Foundation and posted it on the home page of the International Continence Society;Continet. Our home page was made on behalf the Korean Continence Society with the main principle of simplicity, lucidity and easiness.

That is divided into 6 parts in an orderly fashion;Frontage:for general information of this site, Board members:introducing members of the Korean Continence Society, Contact with the president: for close contact with the president of this foundation, What is incontinence? Guide for patients: a basic guide and some helpful tips for patients and lay people, Acknowledgement: an official notice about the recent activities of the Korean Continence Foundation, and finally Links: for more diverse medical information. Another medical information like important theses about incontinence

will be added in the near future.

Results: Under fore-mentioned environment, we are able to post and exchange state-of-the-art medical informations about incontinence on the Continet via the home page of the Korean Continence Foundation (KCF). Moreover, we can educate lay people about the nature of the incontinence and thus obviate or minimize its undesirable effects and promote individual and social health. Everyone can express his or her own opinions and ask any questions about incontinence by sending e-mail or can have the opportunity to contact directly with the doctors of the Continet. or KCF.

Conclusions: Incontinence is a social cancer that necessitates a constant collaboration between health-care professionals and patients to cope with. Also, a broad recognition about the serious sequels of incontinence by lay people is crucial for the individual and social health. In this regard, Continet, with Korean Continence Foundation, would be an useful resort to which everyone who suffers from this agonizing problem can get useful information and assistance.

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