

## **WONCA Informatics Policy**

WONCA Executive Committee and WONCA World Council has endorsed eight recommendations of the WONCA Working Party on Informatics:

Recommendation 1: WONCA should encourage each national college to develop its own web page with links to the WONCA web page and also links to useful Internet resources for family doctors in their countries.

Recommendation 2: WONCA should encourage national colleges to help their members with basic training on the use of information technology in family medicine and how to gain access to the Internet and benefit from its use.

Recommendation 3: WONCA should contribute to the development of professionally driven performance measures and outcome measures on how this technology can be used in family practice to benefit the profession, the community and the health system in each of our member nations.

Recommendation 4: WONCA should assist in making information simple on web sites. Many web sites are very complex and it is difficult to find the information one is seeking.

Recommendation 5: WONCA should promote the use of the Internet for free Medline access and Continuing Medical Education for all family doctors.

Recommendation 6: WONCA should encourage each national college to publish their education and other resources on the Internet to allow sharing of information.

Recommendation 7: WONCA should facilitate the sharing of the uses and benefits and technological aspects of telemedicine in teaching, research and clinical practice. This is especially important for family doctors working in isolation.

Recommendation 8: The WONCA Working Party on Informatics should publish a site with links to general practice informatics research and education projects around the world, listing key centres and key individuals.