

The FEM Wiki: An Online Collaboration Platform for Training Intervention Epidemiologists

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ABSTRACT

The aim of the FEM Wiki (<http://www.femwiki.com/>) is to create a library of training materials for field epidemiology training programmes as well as a market place for discussions on all theoretical and practical aspects of field epidemiology. Central to this effort will be the Field Epidemiology Manual, a core document for use when undertaking field investigations and research projects in intervention epidemiology.

The site features a number of generic Web 2.0 features to support collaborative editing (via wikis), discussions (via forums), and social networking (by creating networks of friends and colleagues), as well bespoke features such as the ability for experts to approve a particular version of a page and embedded discussion widgets that enable users to discuss the content of pages, give feedback, and make recommendations.