

Women's Health Information Network

We Are:

- The Vancouver Women's Health Collective, a volunteer non-profit organization.
- We offer a variety of support groups, library access, health information and referrals for women & their partners.
- We are a recognized charitable organization, and can provide a tax receipt for a donation in kind.

Our Request:

- Is to obtain your directory listing (in-house or commercially available) on a computer disk to pull into our "Health Practitioners" database.

Overview:

- The *Women's Health Information Network* is a database management program, which contains three databases that will provide women with better access to obtaining information.
- The three databases are "Explore", "Health Practitioners" and "Resources". The program will be accessible at Women's Centres, Libraries and ultimately via WEB on the Internet.

The Program:

- The three databases:
 - Explore* contains Health Issues & Illnesses
 - Health Practitioners* contains everyone from Acupuncturists to Support Groups.
 - Resources* contains listings for books, videos etc.
- The system uses a simple user interface so that women can search the databases by entering a variety of search criteria, such as symptoms or factors in her environment, and learning what conditions she may have. Accessing the system after a medical diagnosis will provide her with names of support groups, resources to obtain more information, doctors, naturopaths or other specialists to help her in improving her physical and mental health
- Support groups and other healers would also be directly accessible by entering such search criteria as "Breast Cancer Support" "Nelson" (as a location) and "Spanish" (as a language). The program would then search the database and provide all listings that match the search criteria.

Thank you,

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