Web-Wise

Reference Shop (OSRS) and Critically Appraised Trials (CATS).
The Classified Links under the products category provide
hyperlinks to assorted resources of importance to prescribers
and consumers, alike. The downloadable monthly publication-
Smoke Signals in addition to containing news and abstracts
from journals also tackles issues dedicated to building skills
such as critical appraisal, internet search and networking.

Yet another feature is Pharm-line which is a bibliographic
database on pharmacy practice and clinical use of drugs. It
consists of about 155,000 abstracts from major pharmaceuti-
cal and medical journals. It is a paid subscription service but
provides twelve months of free abstracts to all registrants. An
exclusive feature of the service is a browsable thesaurus that
contains most medical terms in common usage—extremely
handy to hunt for an elusive term. A list of journals related to
most medical specialities is available in an annotated form
with hyperlinks to their websites.

The search and help features are very user-friendly and
mostly icon-driven, making it even more easy to navigate the
web resources. The fact that all drug-related information is
cosmopolitan in nature is well embodied in the spirit of the
website. The ease of use, its controlled and fast publishing
process makes it ideal for seeking out answers on all aspects
of medicine use by physicians, pharmacists, and researchers.
The teaching resources provide authentic evidence-based so-
lutions for education and training. The website is an unmis-
takable example of the innovative form in which medicine-
related information will be available in the future.

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Obituary

Dr. Joy David
03.05-1927 to 20.04.2004

Dr. Joy David was born on the 3rd of April 1927 in Tamil Nadu. She graduated from the Christian Medical College, Vellore in
1952 and joined the Pharmacology Department of the same Institute as Registrar in 1953. She received her MSc. (Pharmacology)
in 1957 under Dr. JC David, one of the founders of Pharmacology in South India.

She was the recipient of several fellowships including the prestigious Rockefeller Special Fellowship which lead her to special-
ize in epilepsy research. She received FMAS in 1980 and FASc in 1982. She enriched her knowledge and experience by her visit
to the University of Illinois USA, CIBA-Geigy research, Switzerland and King George Medical College, Lucknow. After her retire-
ment she joined the Department of Pharmacology, St. John’s Medical College as a Research Consultant and Convener of the
Human Research Ethics Committee.

Dr. Joy David has published more than 150 papers in international and national journals and was an active member of several
scientific bodies such as Indian Pharmacological Society, Neurological Society of India, Indian Epilepsy Society, Indian Society for
Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics and Association of Medical Advisors.

She was a pleasing personality, one with a ready smile and solution for any scientific or human challenge brought to her by her
junior colleagues. Dr. Joy David was instrumental in the popularity and success of the several seminars and workshops organized
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