

Supercourse Newsletter
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Dear Friend

600 fold return on Investment:

Ron, Yes, I did and I've made 600 DVD copies to be distributed to the faculty and medical students. I have not distributed them yet, as classes will only be starting next week. We hope to distribute them then. I will email you again after they've been distributed. I gave the Dean of the College of Health Services a copy so she can show it to her faculty and decide whether they want it copied for the Nursing, PT, and OT students.

Thanks.
Rouel

The DVDs are still flying around the world. In this case 1 DVD multiplied like rabbits and turned into 600. It is not too late to join, but remember we ask that you make at least 50 copies. If you have not received a DVD please write to ronlaporte@aol.com. We need your name, address and telephone number. It is critical to have your telephone number.

Swat Team: "a squad who have been trained to deal with violent and dangerous situations"

We are building the global BA Supercourse Knowledge SWAT team, and would like your advise. Our concept is that at the time of a disaster, the Supercourse. We people like you, nurses, doctors, engineers, hygiene specialists, in the network. Also, we in the Supercourse have friends who are in heavy construction, engineering, business, all of which are critical to engineers. The Goal of the Global Knowledge Swat team would be to find out what knowledge is needed, query our network to find the expertise and begin a dialogue between those who need the knowledge and those who have the knowledge.

Tom Chin: Tom Chin from Kansas is an exceptional epidemiologist and friend. We must thank him very much for his substantial contribution to the Supercourse. If you too would like to contribute, then go to www.pitt.edu/~super1/. These resources are very much appreciated as the Supercourse is a low budget, to no budget operation that survive due to generous people like Tom, and a global spirit of volunteerism.

Fishing for Deans: We are now in the process of "Dean Fishing". We are going through all the medical schools, schools of public health, and nursing schools to find the name and emails of the

deans. Once we have “caught them”, we will be writing to them to network the global deans of health, and also to find the local public health champions. We then will make sure that they received our DVD, and we will add them to our network.

We will be able to reach these deans and their faculty with the prevention message. We would appreciate if you could send us the name of the dean of your school, plus their address and telephone number so we can contact them and send to them the DVD if they did not receive it from WHO.

Kuntoro in Indonesia suggested an excellent way to “set the hook” and “Net the deans. He is indicating to Deans in Indonesia that if they want to become world class (most deans do, obviously), then they should participate in a world class program like the Supercourse. We would appreciate if you could talk with your deans to see if they want to be world class.

Eleven Blue Men

One of the classic epidemiology detective stories was called Eleven Blue men. For many of us we read this in awe of the power of epidemiology.

Here is a description. I thought I would at the bottom frame this in relationship to the Supercourse.

<http://www.nih.gov/health/medicalinvestigation/blueman.htm>

“Eleven "blue men" arrived at New York's Beekman-Downtown Hospital nearly 60 years ago, on September 25, 1944. Their only obvious connection was that each had eaten oatmeal for breakfast at the Eclipse Cafeteria, so an assumption of food poisoning due to unsanitary food conditions quickly was made.

For more information about New York's mysterious 11 blue men, read Berton Roueche's "Eleven Blue Men" in *The Medical Detectives*, published by Time Books in 1980. Roueche's essay was originally published in *The New Yorker* magazine in 1947. It demonstrated how a team of epidemiologists could solve a problem of people turning blue.” You will be fascinated by the story.

It is interesting now with the Internet case could have been solved much quicker using Supercourse approaches, by querying our network via email, texting or Twittering with the question of “have you ever seen blue men?”

I am sure that at least 30 of you would have responded in minutes. Then we would begin to piece together the case as we did with H1N1, where a JIT lecture would have been produced. We would of course work with you to find world experts on salt. Finally, we would go to the Environmental Health Supercourse to see what is being taught about sodium nitrate people. With the supercourse instead of one epidemiologic detective, we have 65,000.

"If one really loves nature, one can find beauty everywhere." --Vincent Van Gogh

No wind, No Waves (Chinese Proverb)

Gooble Gooble: This is a most wonderful time of year for turkey. Our turkeys have just hatched their Turkets, and the mothers band together with their their babies. The turkets can barely see over the grass, and follow at their mothers heels, slowly becoming independent. There are 14 Turkets with 3 mothers. Theresa. The Tom Turkeys don't help with the raising of the children instead they are strutting their stuff, looking at "babe" turkeys. When Eugene Shubnikov was here he said that if these turkeys were in Russia, they would be having Thanksgiving everyday. Allso mother deers have given birth with Fawns about ½ a meter high, with bright white dots, constantly looking for their mother.

Sincerely yours,

Ron, Faina, Eugene, Mita, Ismail, Vint, Gil, Francois, Kawkab, Nicholas, Jesse, Ali, Kuntoro, Mazen, Anne, Rupali, Sara, Meredith

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