

Supercourse Newsletter

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Dear Friends:

Hurricane Gustav: Hurricane Gustav appears to be a category 4 hurricane, and potentially can cause considerable damage to the US. Ali Aradalan created a Hurricane Lecture which is also available in Spanish. This is a very important and well done lecture that describe the etiology and potential damage of hurricanes. Please have your children, and students review this. Also, send the URL to your friends, especially those in the Southern part of the United States. This is the top rated hurricane lecture, out of 2.5 million. This hurricane lecture was prepared to help reduce the “Epidemiology of Fear” about hurricanes or disasters. <http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec20371/index.htm>

Supercourse on the Web: On Sept. 25, 08 Ron LaPorte will be webcasting a presentation concerning the Supercourse along with Ali Aradalan from Iran. It will be presented at G23 Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh at 12:00 EST. Please view the webcam. Alternatively, if you are in the area, please visit. Also, if you would like to see the webcast, please write and we will send to you the URL. There is no cost to you. Tell your friends about this also.

A few years ago we ran a previous webcast with Eric Nogi on disasters. We provided the URL to everyone. We made available 300 links. Amazingly 1000s of people wanted to see the lecture. It was a wild time as many people called and clogged up the phone lines, and we received an enormous amount of emails as people could not access the lecture. (this was especially troublesome to those having a “Supercourse party” at 1:00 in Beijing and 11:00 in Tehran!!).

When I give a lecture, I accept that people will look at their watches, but what I do not tolerate is when they look at it and raise it to their ears to find out if it stopped (Archard)

The lecture should be most fun and we would like you to join. Ali Ardalan from Tehran will be presenting part of the lecture virtually from Iran on disasters and “healthy diplomacy”.

If you would like to be a part of the web cast, send to me a note (ronlaporte@aol.com) and we will send you the URL. The lecture will also be available on the Supercourse a day before the presentation at www.pitt.edu/~super1/

Lecture Curricula Web Page: Eugene Shubnikov created a beautiful web page which has the lectures that we selected that would be part of a NCD curricula. The Global Health Supercourse page is being established at: <http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/globalhealth/gh.htm>. We now have certified lectures on CVD, CA and Diabetes. We plan to certify the lectures by having leading experts review these. Then we plan to establish a system to distribute the lectures into the classrooms of the world.

Lectures on Diabetes: The following lectures represent some of the lectures that could be used in a Global Health Course. Please provide comments to us

Professors simply can't discuss a thing. Habit compels them to deliver a lecture.” (Boyle)

Etiology and determinants of Type 2 diabetes

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec0461/index.htm>

Epidemiology of Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec0042/index.htm>

Epidemiology of Diabetes complications:

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec0461/index.htm>

Epidemiology in Gestational Diabetes Mellitus

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec0681/index.htm>

Diabetes Mellitus and Hypertension as major risk factors for the development of cardiac and renal disease

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec2511/index.htm>

Prediction of Type 1 diabetes and related autoimmune diseases

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec1931/001.htm>

Diabetes and metabolic diseases

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec31921/index.htm>

Preventing CAD in Diabetes

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/pc0081/001.htm>

Update on Childhood diabetes

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec19951/index.htm>

The metabolic syndrome: International Diabetes Federation (IDF) consensus definition

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec19981/index.htm>

Epidemiology of Diabetes—Its history in the last 50 years.

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec13271/index.htm>

Types of Studies in Diabetes Epidemiology

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/lecture/lec0671/index.htm>

Halloween Gift Pledge: We received a wonderful contribution from Henry Blackburn for the Supercourse. It is indeed a pleasure to receive a contribution from one of the developers of cardiovascular epidemiology. As the Supercourse has evolved, Henry has been a major source of inspiration. It is 63 days until Halloween, surely the ghosts, and spidemen out there are thinking how to provide wonderful treats to the Supercourse. Trick or Supercourse Treat?

Best Regards from Pittsburgh

Ron, Faina, Mita, Eugene, Soni, Francois, Ali, Jesse, Evan, Nicholas, Gil, Ismail, Vint, Fayrouz, Farshad, Arin

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