

Iowa Doctors to give prescriptions for Internet sites

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(Des Moines-AP) -- About 150 Iowa doctors will soon be directing their patients to the Internet for reliable information on prescription drugs.

The new program was announced in Des Moines yesterday.

Organizers say doctors are spending too much time correcting information their patients find on unreliable Web sites.

They say the new program will help doctors send people directly to well-researched sites.

The pilot program is sponsored in part by the National Library of Medicine, which has the largest collection of medical literature in the world.

Participating doctors will give directions to library Web pages for hundreds of ailments and health issues.

Patients who don't have home computers will be encouraged to visit a public library.

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