# E-Learning Applications for Basic and Advanced Education in Medicine and Dentistry

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The University of Braunschweig - Institute of Technology and the Hannover Medical School has been united their medical informatics institutes as a joint institute, named "Peter L. Reichertz Institute for Medical Informatics" (PLRI).

PLRI consists of two institutes, located

- at Braunschweig (director: Prof. R. Haux)
- at Hannover (director: Prof. H. K. Matthies).



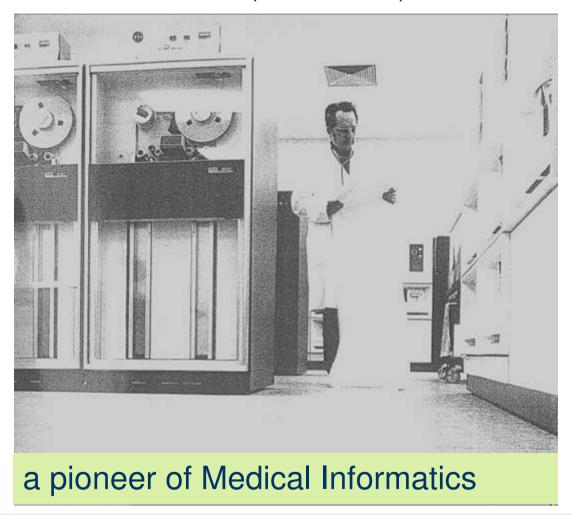
→ Aim: regional ,center of excellence



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### Peter L. Reichertz

(1930-1987)



The PLRI staff is member of both universities.



### PLRI - education

#### medical informatics courses for students of

- business information technology (TU)
- computer & communication engineering (TU)
- computer science (TU)
- medicine (MHH)
- dental medicine (MHH)

medical informatics program (B.Sc., M.Sc., PhD)

at TU Braunschweig

#### PLRI – fields of research

health-enabeling technologies

(R. Haux, Braunschweig)



eLearning in medicine and dentistry

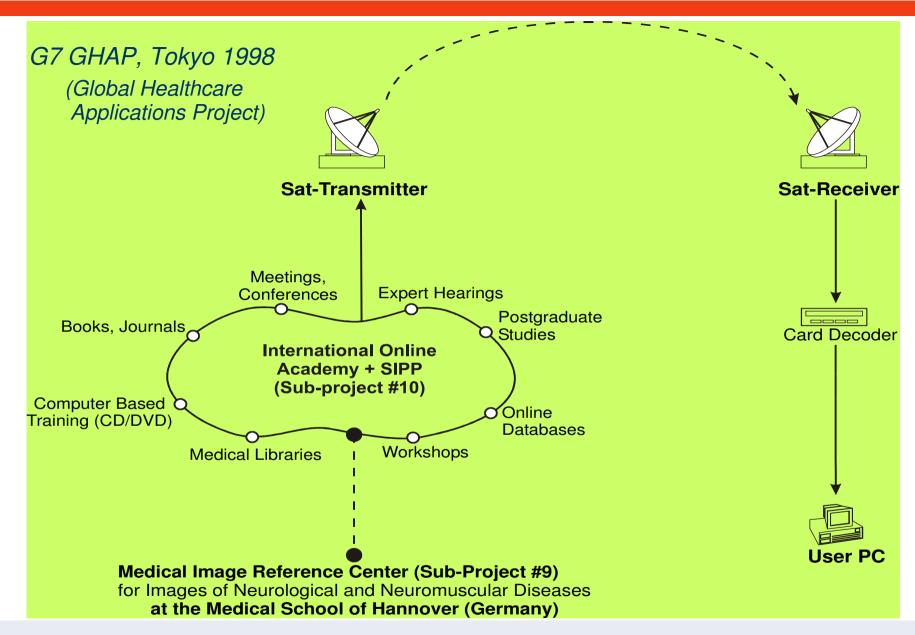
(H.K. Matthies, Hannover)

health information systems and management

(R. Haux, Braunschweig)

medical imaging and visualization

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# Virtual Education System for Brain Diseases



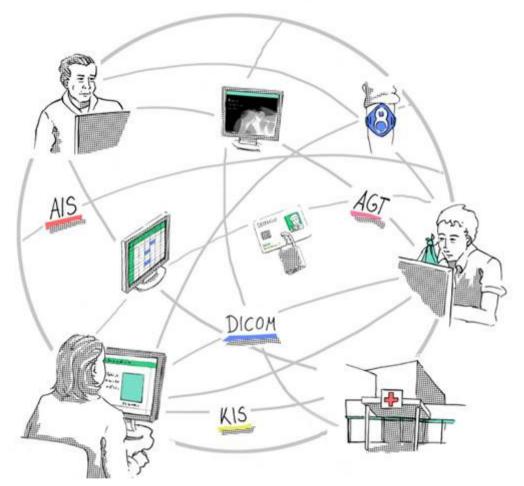


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# Web and New Information and Communication Technologies

→ dramatic changes of business, live, learn



# **New Ways of Education**

New educational concepts, technologies, course contents will be required:

- teaching/learning strategies
- eLearning environments (LMS, CMS)
- blended learning courses (both face to face and eLearning)
- development and production of learning modules
- web-based learning resources/tools
- virtual learning labs/classrooms in conventional universities
- collaborative learning in small groups
- public private partnerships (PPP) between universities and publishing companies
- policies, ethics and worldwide standards

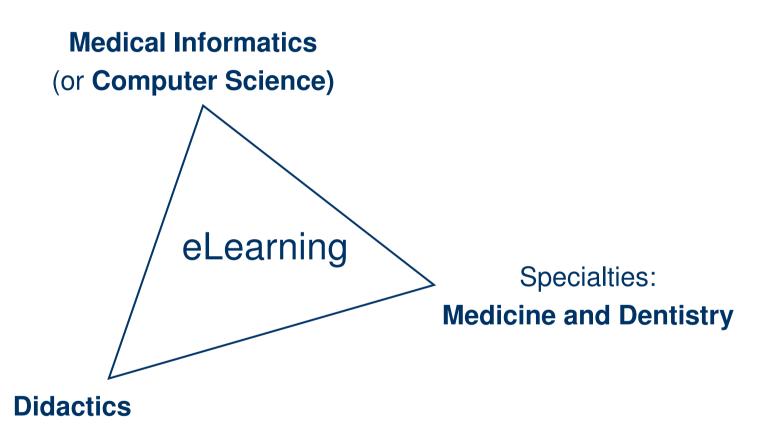
# eLearning Requirements at the Hannover Medical School (MHH)

- Implementation of the model curriculum "HannibaL": a more patient oriented approach to teaching medicine leads to special requirements concerning eLearning
- Additional ways to convey knowledge have to be found for continuing medical education
- Various departments (not necessarily medical) want to use eLearning

# eLearning at the MHH

- To fulfill all requirements, "eLearning" at the MHH includes different variants of
  - computer based (not limited to web applications),
  - interactive,
  - multimedia,
  - ...
  - learning methods
- It is in use in various areas:
  - education, organizational needs, technical, ...

# eLearning in Medicine Requires an Interdisciplinary Approach



# History of eLearning at the MHH

Continual training of content authors

#### **Granted by:**



Lower Saxony, Germany



Combination of Schoolbook and ILIAS

CranioTrainer

#### Model curriculum "HannibaL" for Medicine

Start of **ILIAS**at the MHH

Orthodontics

in ILIAS

Orthodontics

in ILIAS

Biochemistry

in ILIAS

Schoolbook Schoolbook Schoolbook **Dentistry** Internal Medicine Neuroradiology Schoolbook Schoolbook Schoolbook Caselibrary Neuropathology Long Distance X-Ray Schoolbook First implementation Schoolbook of Schoolbook Trauma Surgery Cell Biology

TT-Net ELAN II ELAN III (eSIM)
2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008

# eLearning at the Hannover Medical School

- Examples for different eLearning implementations currently in use:
  - Web-based
    - ILIAS: Learning management system
    - Schoolbook: Content management system including medical case libraries for different specialities
  - Interactive training software
    - CranioTrain: Craniotomy training for neurosurgery and trauma surgery
  - e-Examination software
    - Q-exam

## Web-based: ILIAS and Schoolbook

- ILIAS
- Learning management system
- Portal system for learning, communication and organizational issues
- Modules are built according to the curriculum

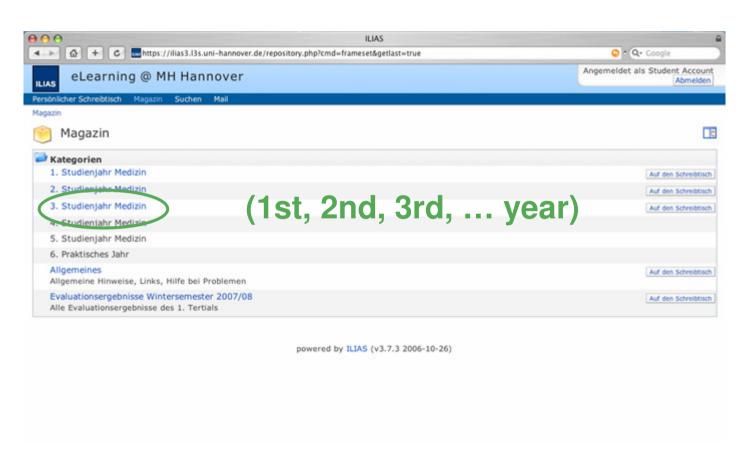
- Schoolbook
- Content management system
- Medical case library
- Uses semantic networks internally to allow access to content using different pathways:
  - "Networked Knowledge"

- Open source
- Assign user and author rights according to rights management
- Web-based access for learners and authors
- LAMP: Linux, Apache, MySQL, PHP

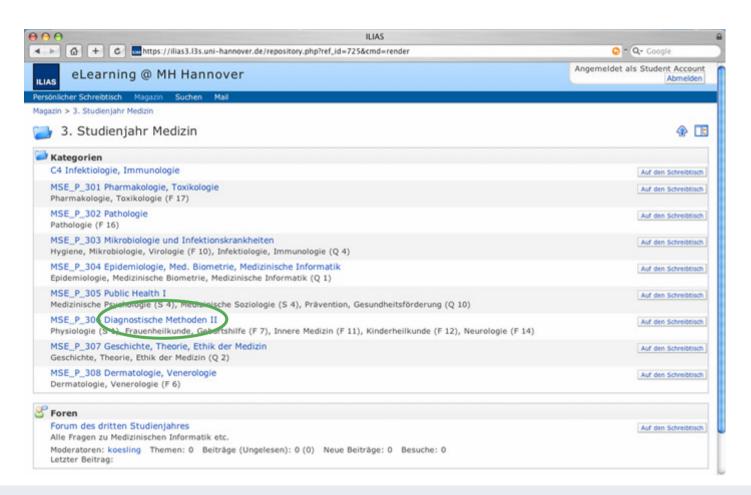
# Web-based eLearning – ILIAS

- Developed at the
   University of Colonia (Germany): <a href="http://www.ilias.de/">http://www.ilias.de/</a>
   + Military Univ. Hamburg
- at the MHH, ILIAS is used for developing content for
  - the model curriculum "HannibaL"
  - continuing medical education as well as
  - various projects for other (medical) professionals
- at the NATO for military education

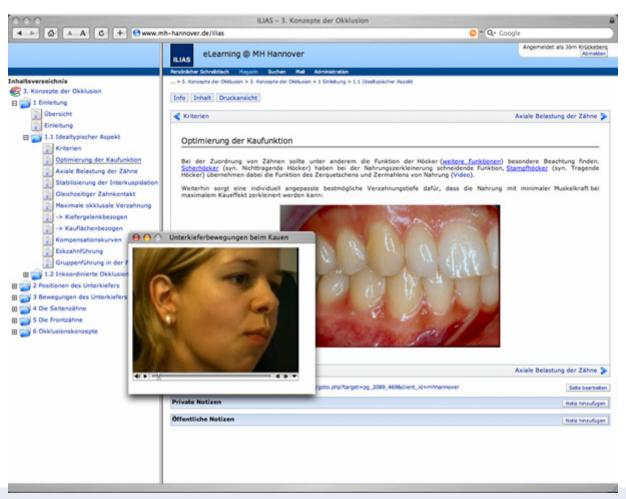
# ILIAS – Organization of Modules for HannibaL

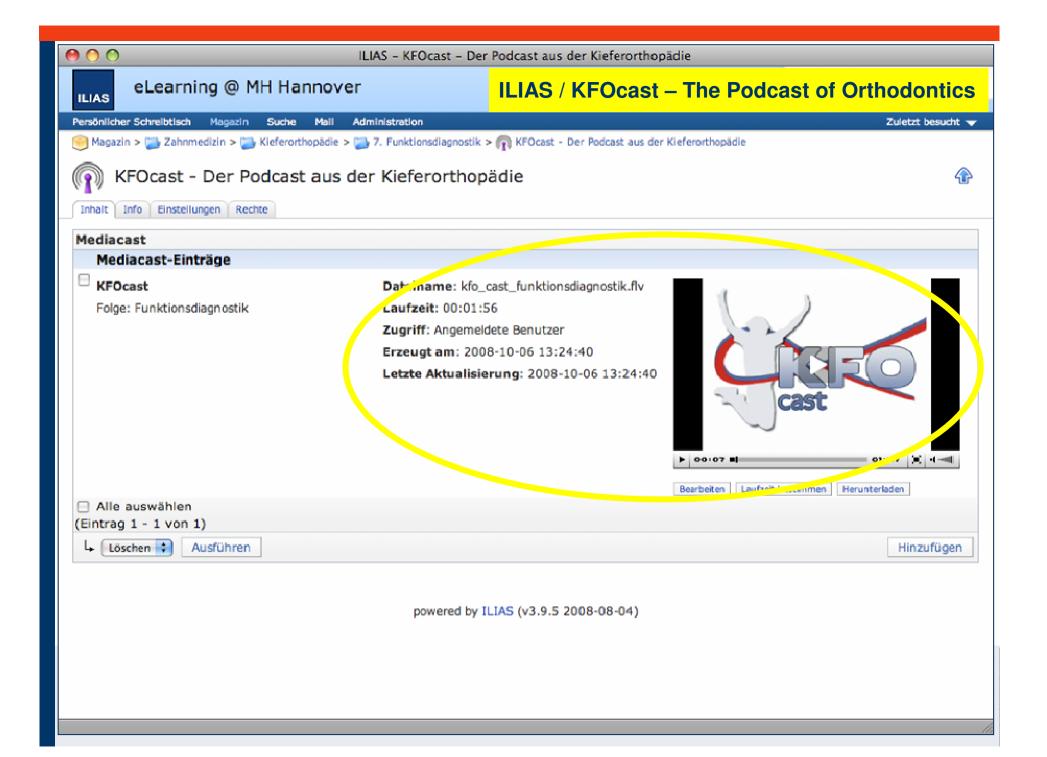


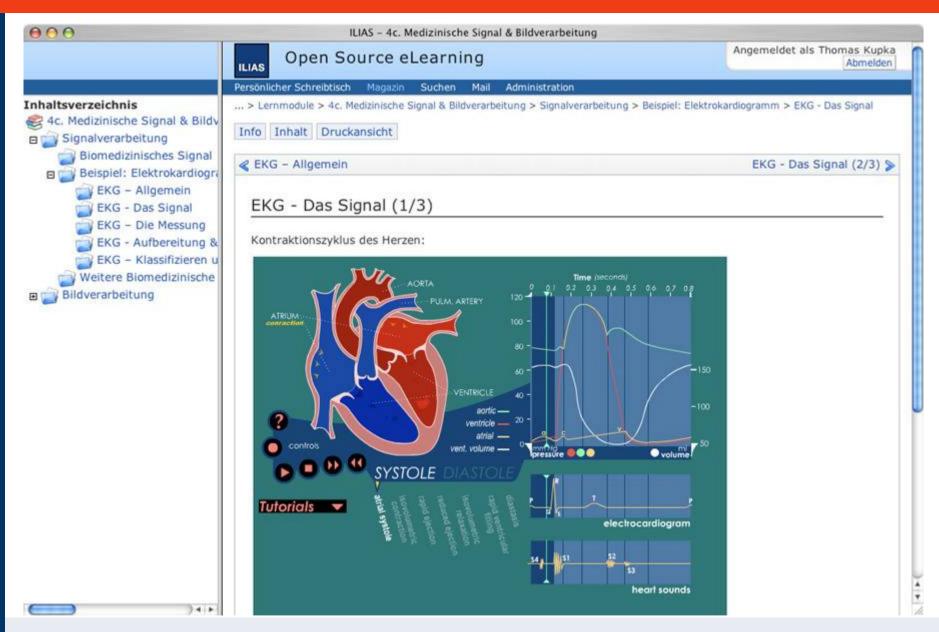
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# **ILIAS – Dentistry / Concepts for Occlusion**







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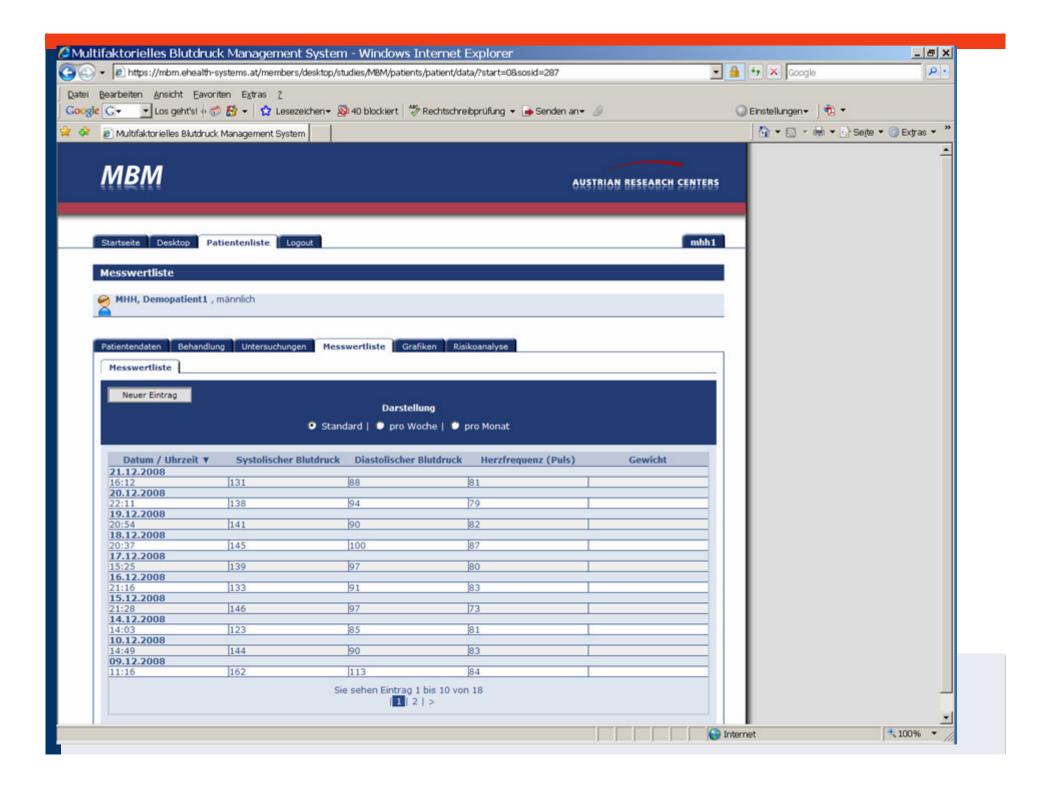
### **Blood pressure data transfer via NFC**

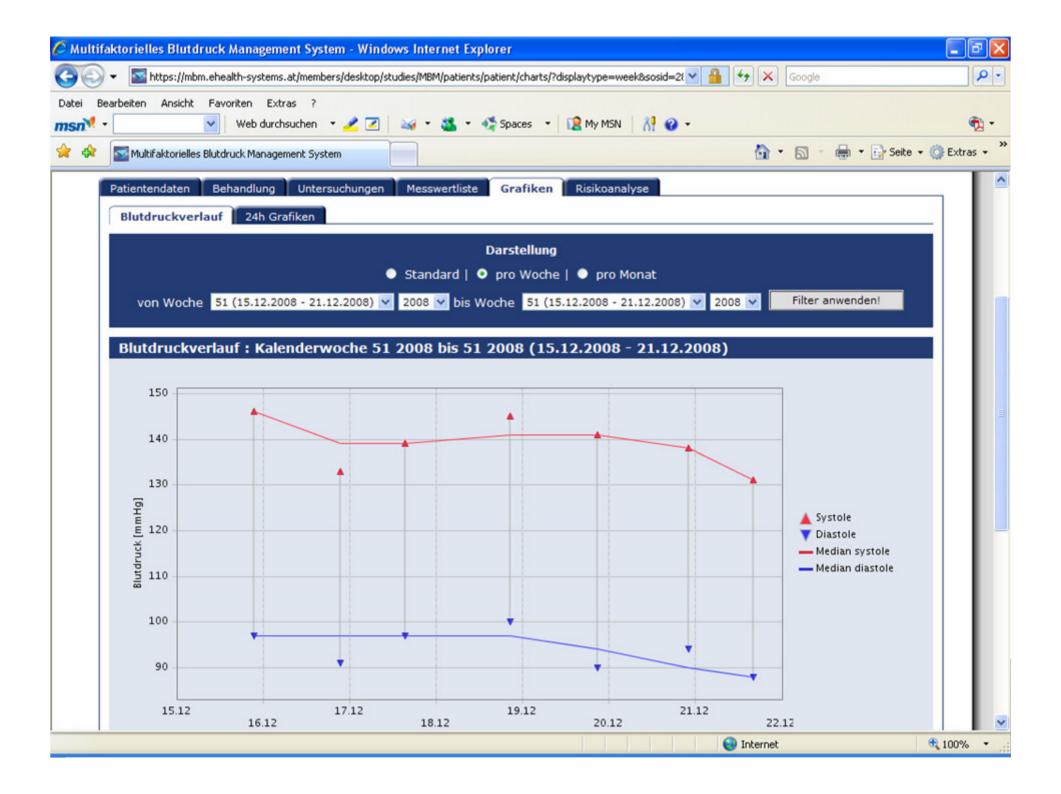
(Near Field Communication)



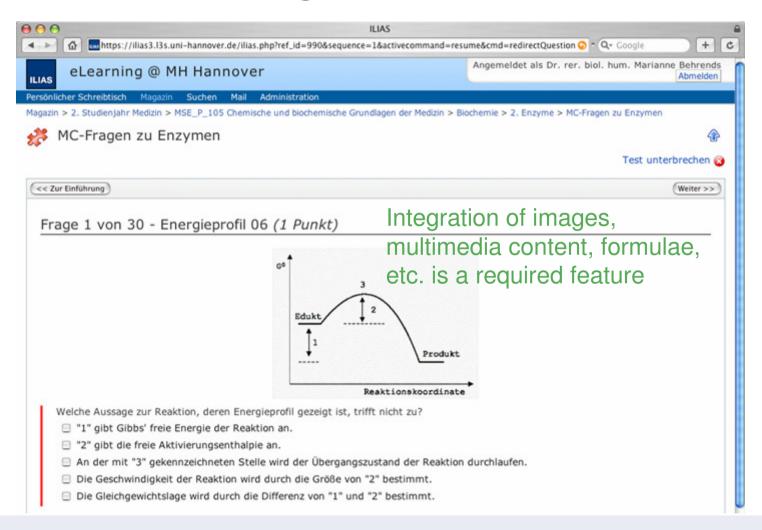
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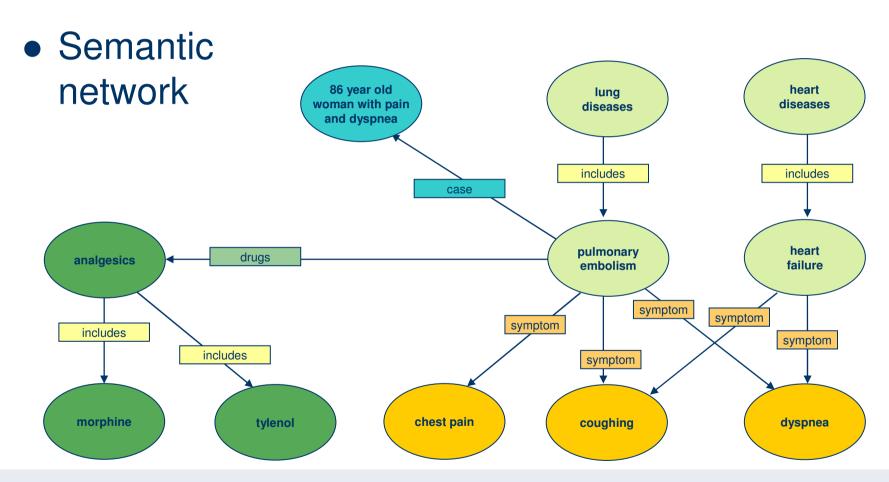
# **ILIAS – Testing What You've Learned**



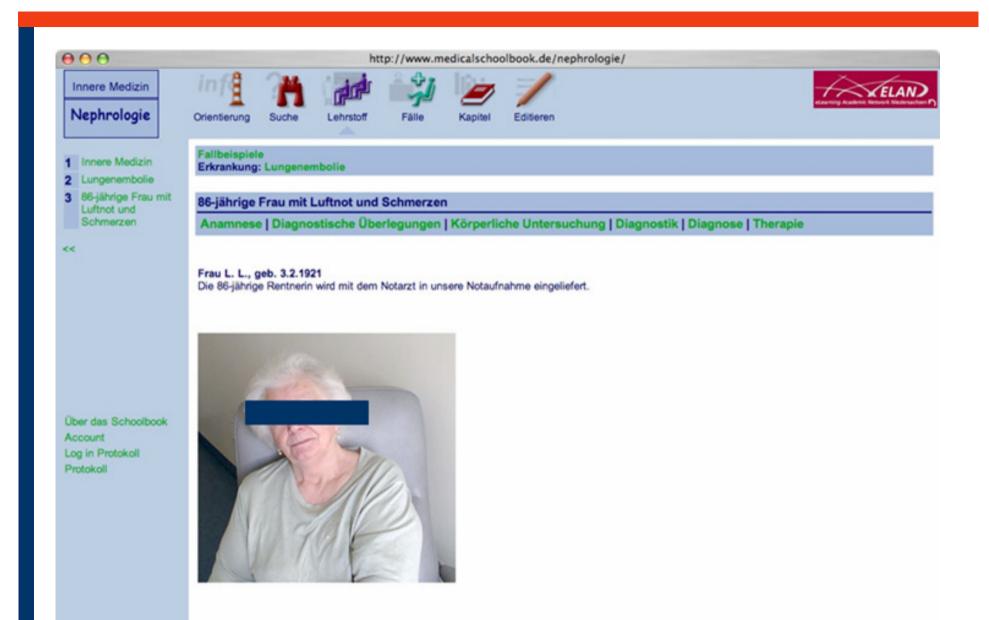
# Web-based eLearning – Schoolbook

- Developed by the PLRI (Hannover Medical School) (http://www.medicalschoolbook.de/project/)
- Is used in various settings
  - Within the classroom (lectures)
  - Blended learning seminars (see hear train)
  - Learning at home
  - ...
- Advantage over other solutions:
  - Content can be interlinked in a unique way to support the "medical way of thinking"

# Schoolbook – Unique Presentation of Contents



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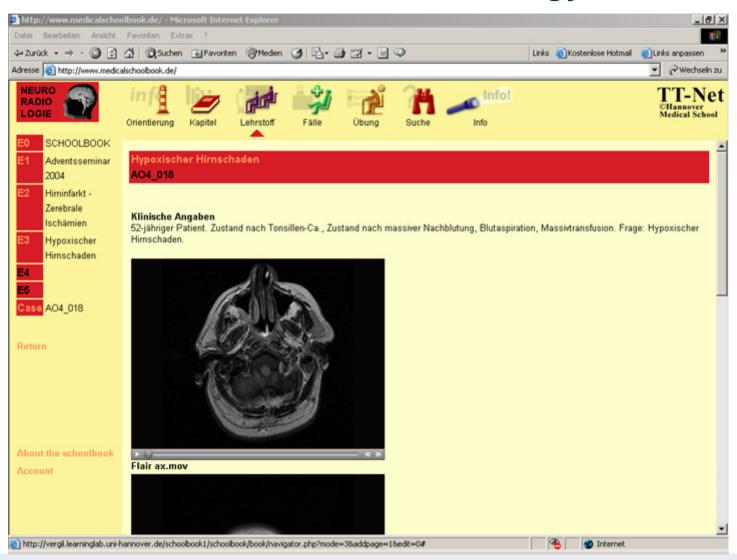


# Schoolbook – Blended Learning (also) for Continuing Medical Education

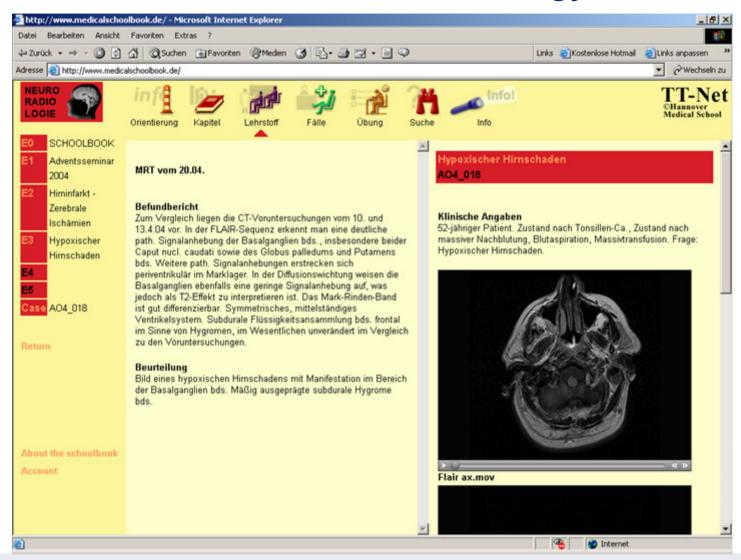
See - Hear - Train



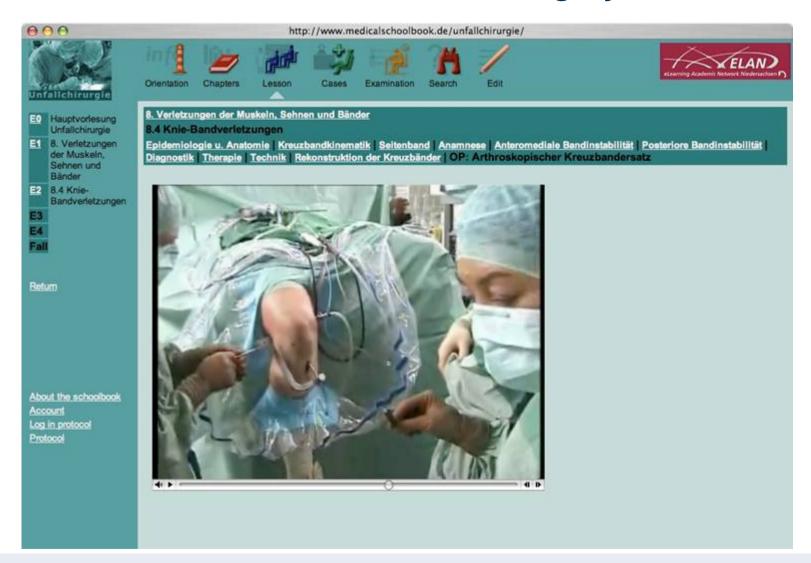
### **Schoolbook Neuroradiology**



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### **Schoolbook Traumasurgery**



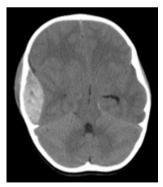
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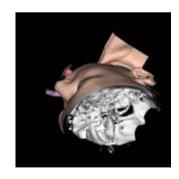
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# Interactive Training Software: CranioTrain

- In Neurosurgery or emergency medicine, determining the ideal placement of a craniotomy
  - is important during the surgery and also decisive for the outcome
  - may be complicated due to the angulation of the CT and/or MR image data







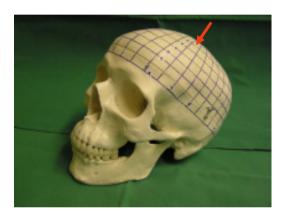
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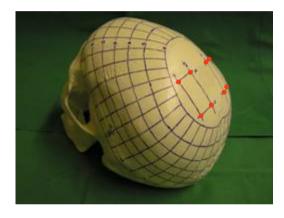
## The Aim of CranioTrain

- How to correctly place a craniotomy is usually learned during training in neurosurgery or emergency surgery
  - Preliminary evaluations of learners with little experience showed very imprecise results
- Development of an interactive, software based training concept
  - Software is supposed to help learners to "transfer" the
     2D image information to the patient's 3D anatomy

# CranioTrain - Skull Model

Standard anatomical skull model A20 (plastic)

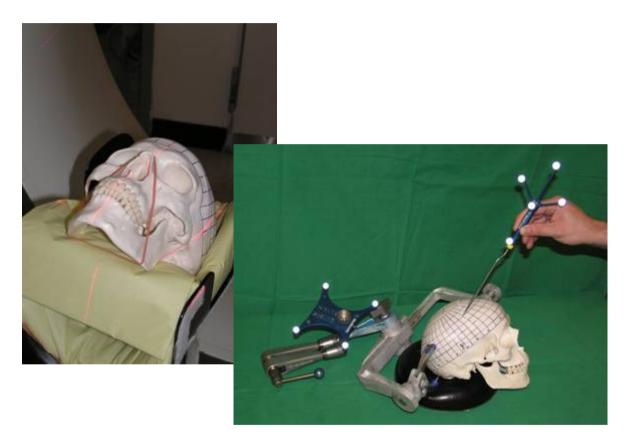




- Horizontal lines, distance 10 mm
- Vertical lines 0-360°, one line every 10°
- Additionally 8 points on the top of the skull
- Crosspoints of the grid are labeled for further reference

# **CranioTrain – Data Acquisition**

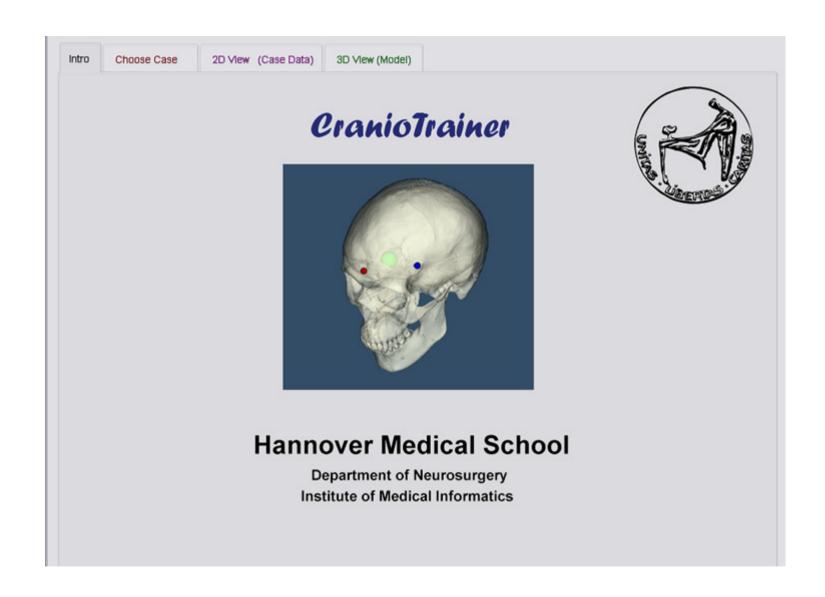
Multislice CT

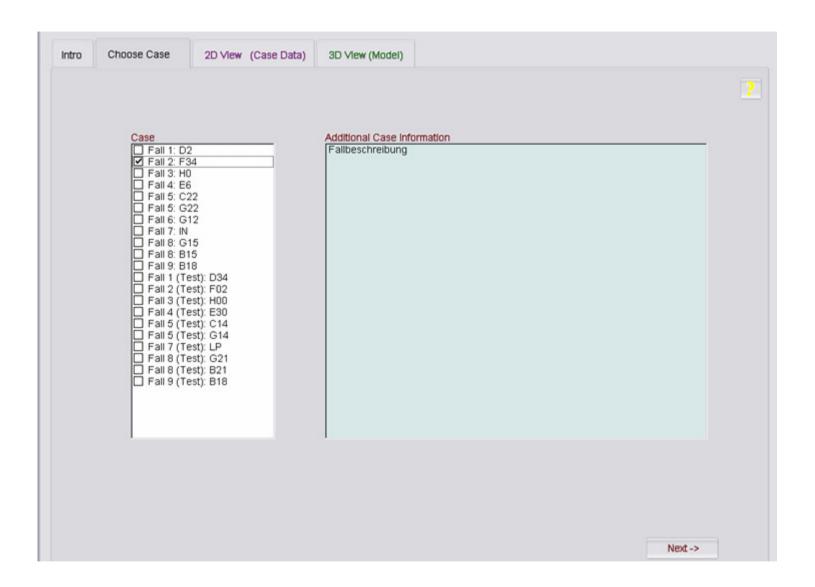


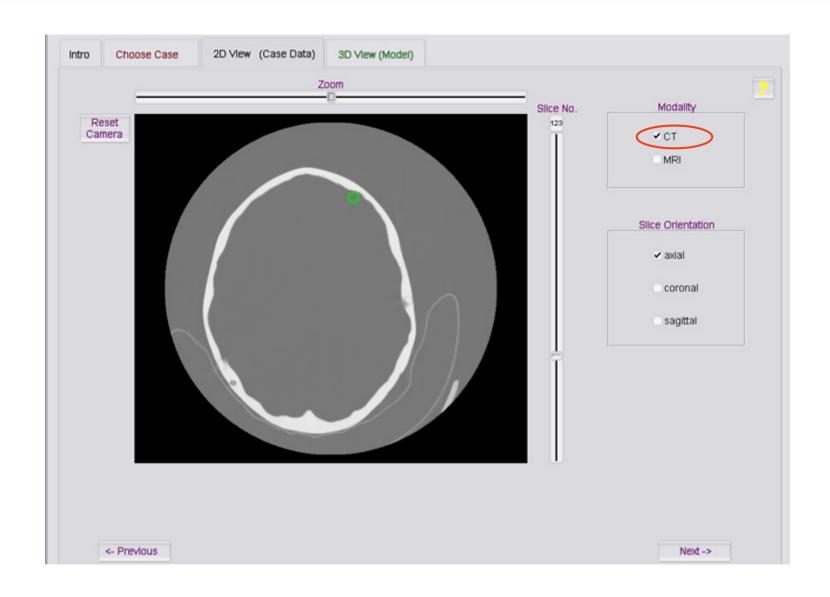
Geometry of the grid & skull is recorded with an optical tracking system

## CranioTrain - Software

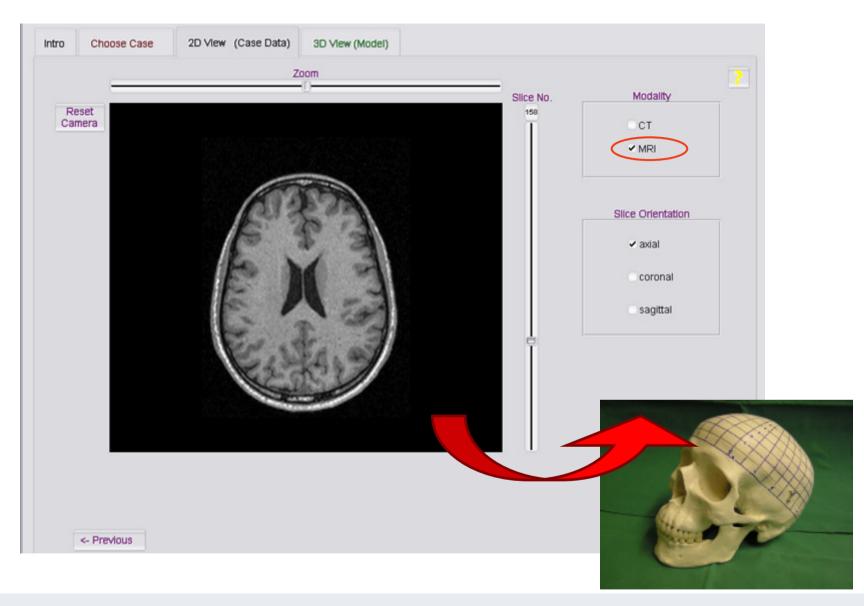
- Platform-independent development:
  - Windows
  - Linux
  - MacOS
  - ...
- Based on freely available programming libraries
  - FLTK (graphical user interface)
  - VTK (visualization)



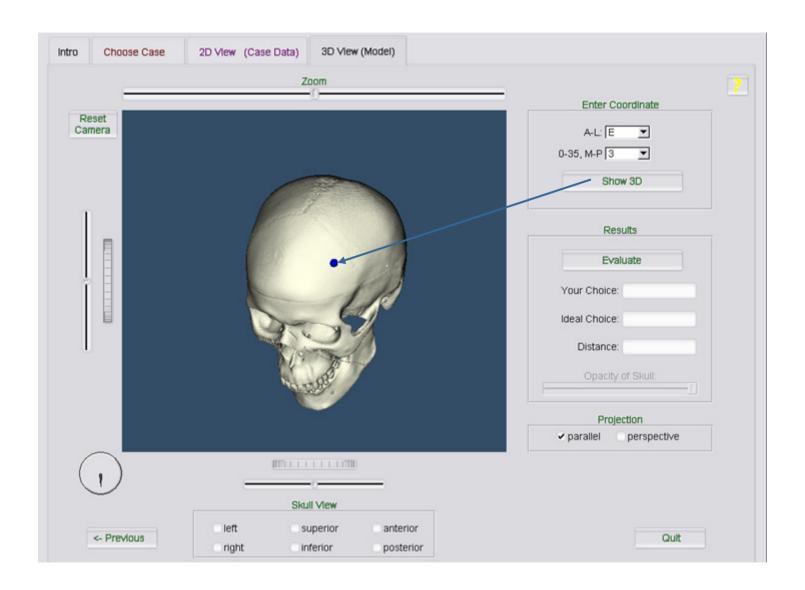




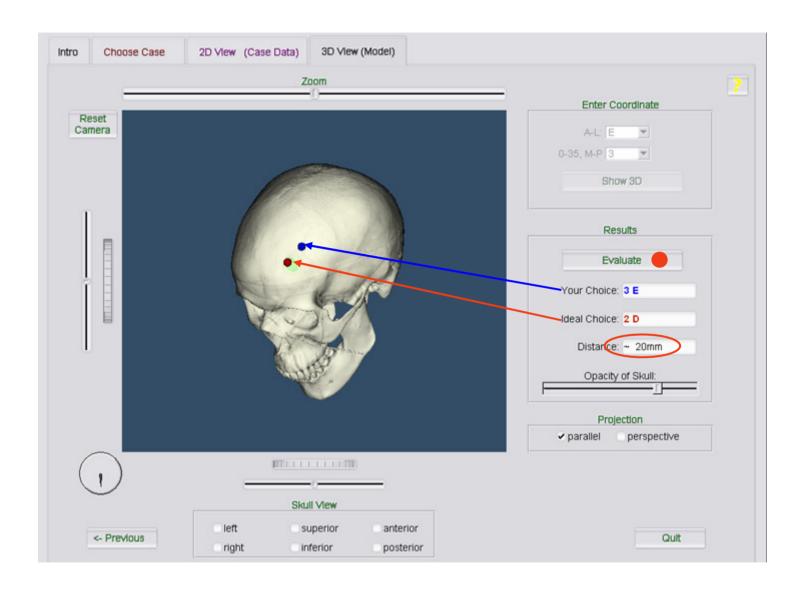
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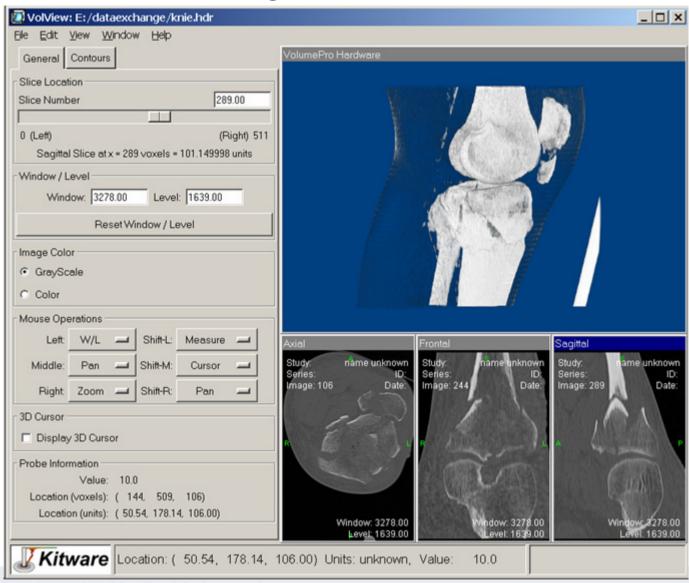
# CranioTrain – Summary



- "Craniotrain" won't replace good training
- Still, it's an alternative to using anatomical specimen in training and thus saves costs
- Initial trials showed positive results for learners. Learning the correct placement needed considerably less effort.

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#### 3D Training: Knee (563 kB)

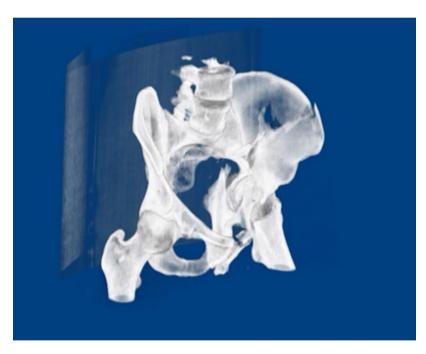


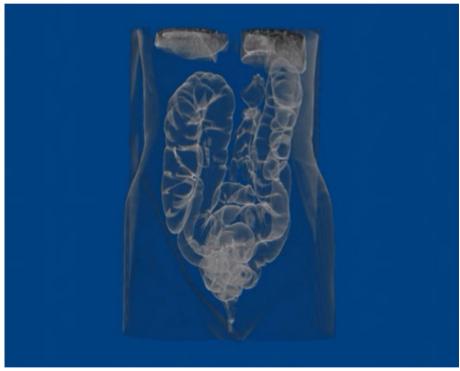
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## **3D Training**

pelvic fractures (1.243 kB)

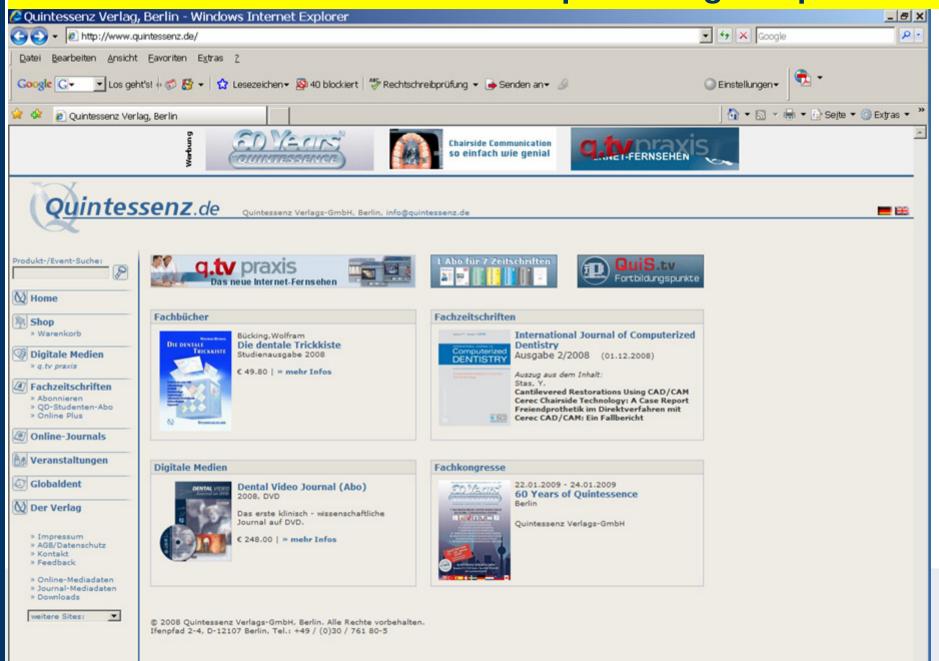
coloscopy (883 kB)





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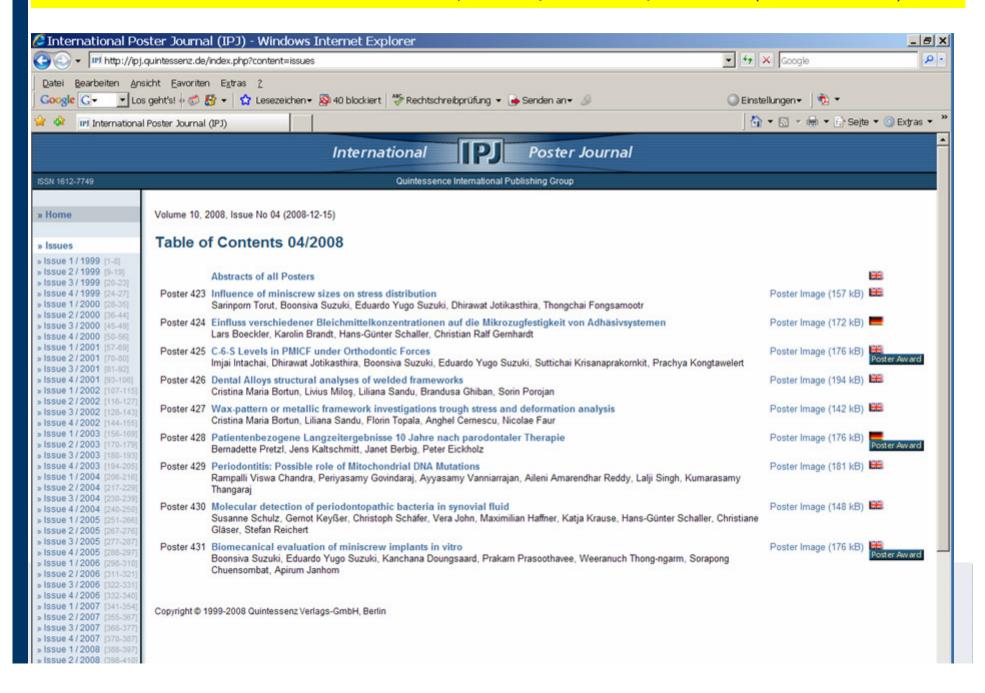
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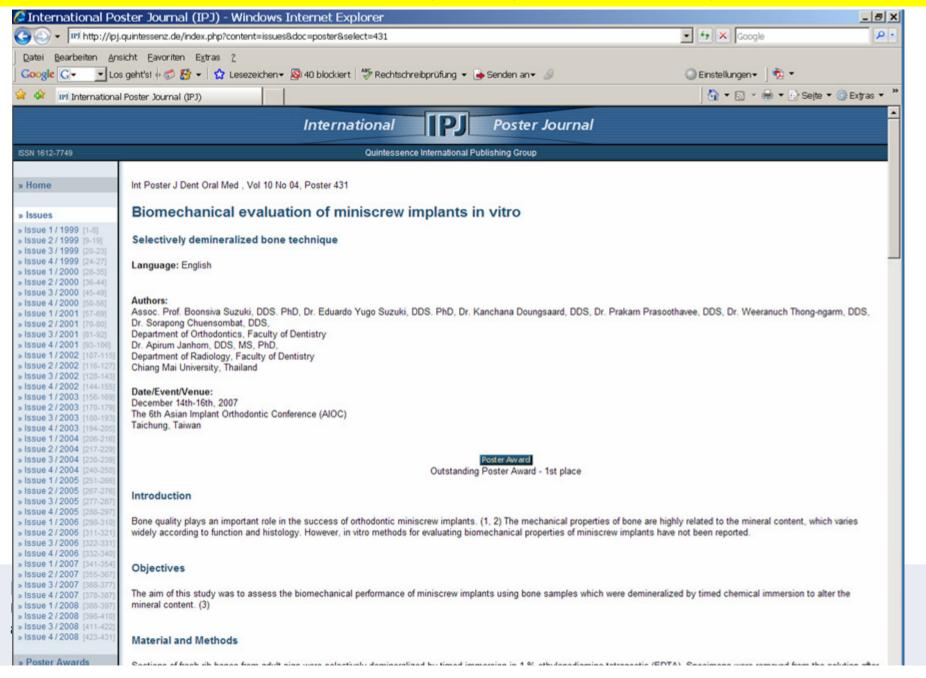
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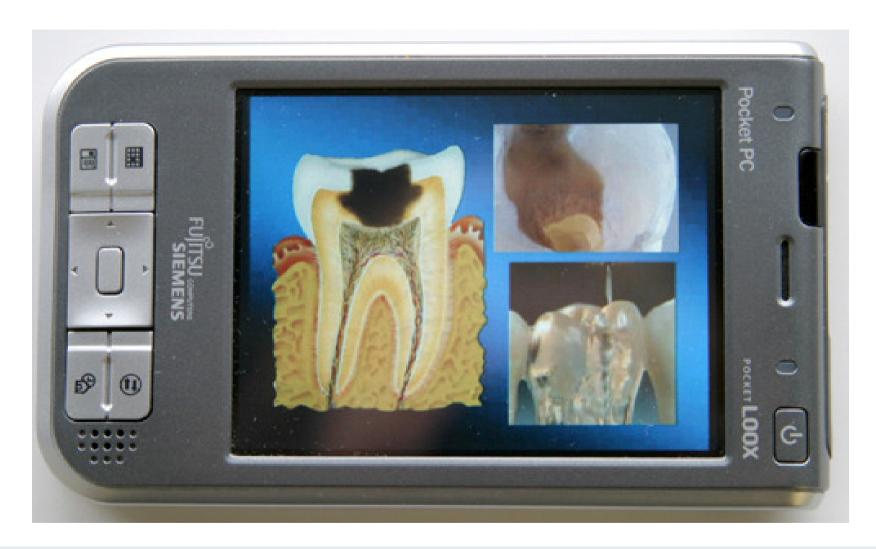
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