Description

Online Cases are described by the American Association of Medical Colleges as *interactive computer programs that simulate real-life clinical scenarios in which the learner acts as a health care professional obtaining a history and physical exam and making diagnostic and therapeutic decisions.* (AAMC 2008)

General Strengths & Weaknesses

UMMS users report the primary use strength of using online cases and virtual patients is student self-study; the interactive opportunity to practice reinforces lecture topics.

An inherent weakness associated with virtual/online case study is the cases are *virtual*; there is no human component other than the user running the application.

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UMMS holds licensing for *The Virtual Patient: Self-directed Study Guide in Surgery (Naylor, c. 2003)*. The problem-based online interactive curriculum is hosted on the *UMMS inside server*.

Login from off campus with your UMMS username and password; no login required from on campus workstations.

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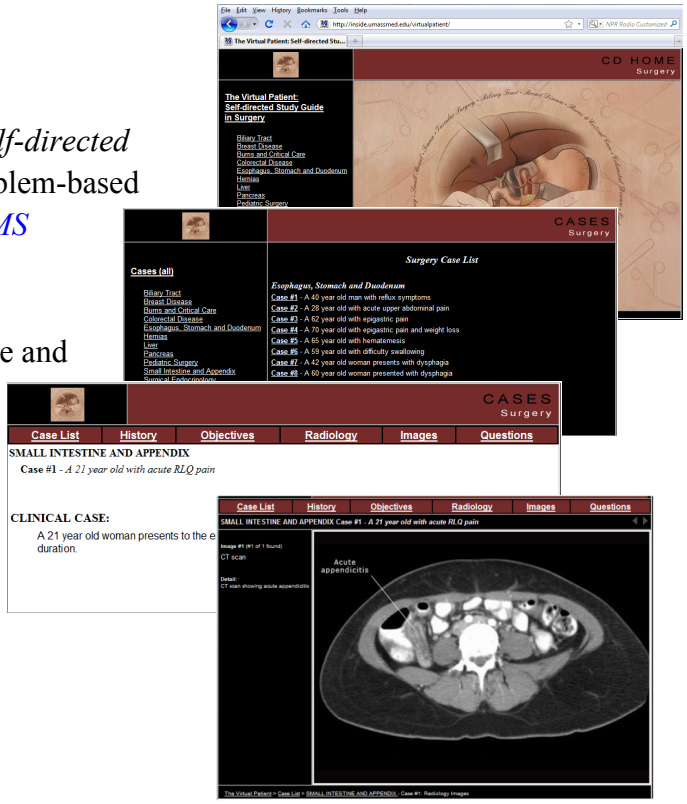

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