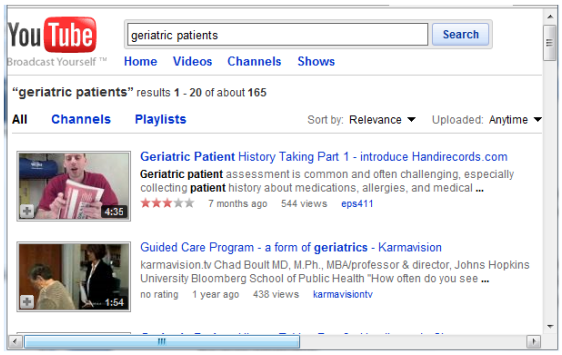
Video Technology: *YouTube*

Description

YouTube is a video sharing website onto which users can upload and share videos. Unregistered users can watch the videos, while registered users are permitted to upload an unlimited number of videos. Browse to http://www.youtube.com/ to search for videos relevant to particular topic areas.



Note: Check you source! *YouTube* returns everything, regardless of its credibility.

General Strengths & Weaknesses

UMMS users report that "*YouTube is a great source for the clinical years…*", citing accessibility to video for demonstrating points in "*…an interesting way…*"

One UMMS user describes inherent YouTube weaknesses.

"YouTube quality is variable… Lots of previewing, editing, and being quite selective is needed for this material. Video editing is quite labor intensive and time consuming."

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YouTube accepts videos uploaded in most container filetypes, including .AVI, .MKV, .MOV, .MP4, DivX, .FLV, and .OGG. These include video codecs such as MPEG-4, MPEG, and .WMV. It also supports 3GP, allowing videos to be uploaded from legacy mobile phones.

Contact the UMMS HelpDesk with questions about format conversion software.
Contact UMMS Media Services to schedule video session(s).

For more information:

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