

The job bank is also available on other government and private information networks. It is one of the most popular services provided by government, generating more than 100,000 enquiries each month on the government Telidon system alone.

The system has proven to be cost-effective and efficient, and, for the job hunter, a fast, convenient source of badly needed information.

The service is always up to date, so there's no danger of a person contacting a prospective employer only to find the listing had been filled a week ago.

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VIDEOTEX LINKS HOSPITALS ACROSS COUNTRY

The Canadian Hospital Association (CHA) has initiated a national videotex system for transmitting information on poisons and drugs, medical devices, hospital design and statistics, and for holding conferences between hospitals throughout Canada.

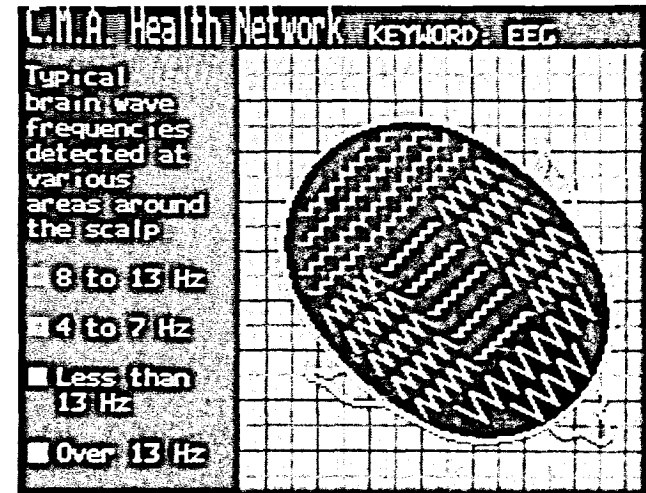
The CHA became interested in using videotex as a medium for transmitting health-related data early in 1982 and purchased a page-creation system and four decoder terminals for test.

Over the next year, this trial was successfully demonstrated to a wide spectrum of health care professionals and administrators.

In the fall of 1983, the Association installed a videotex host computer and placed a videotex terminal in each of the 10 provincial hospital associations across the country.

Placement of these 10 terminals was the pivotal step in gaining full acceptance and use of the system by the more than 1,350 hospitals in the full hospital network.

This placement is also the precursor to the next stage in the network plan, the installation of provincial videotex host systems. One organization and one host computer are not sufficient to process and store the vast amount of information that the Association sees resulting from a country-wide health information network; plans are being developed for a decentralized network which would eventually



link provincial hosts with a national host.

The objective of the system is to provide timely and useful health-related information and enhance communication between professionals in Canada's health care industry.

The system provides an inventory of health communication projects, including descriptions of operational telemedicine and telehealth projects; acts as a disseminator of poison control information; and provides lecturers and writers with a fast, high-quality graphics service.

In addition, the system features detailed information on medical devices and technology; a directory of health seminars and conferences; conference registration using Telidon terminals; computer conferencing and teleconferencing; statistics such as contract settlement data; and electronic bulletins.

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