

**This is the second handout in a series that describes 7 ways that WATCH members can use the Internet in their Daily Practice**

## **4. HANDOUTS**

Handouts are formatted printable materials about specific topics. Instead of storing paper handouts, they can be stored on the internet and pulled up using programs like Adobe Acrobat (<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>) to read online or printed out to give to families.

TelAbility's Handout Section contains more than 50 different handouts on topics related to young children with special health care needs. Handouts are available in both English and Spanish and can be accessed at:

<http://www.telability.org/handouts.pl>

**Future handouts will be produced in response to WATCH member needs and stored online for easy access again and again.**

Additional useful handouts can be found in the publications section of the website of the CanChild Centre in Canada

<http://www.fhs.mcmaster.ca/canchild/>

## **5. CALENDARS**

An online calendar can help you keep track of appointments, meetings, conferences and other educational programs. Online calendars can be easily updated by selected members of a community to help share information about important events.

Some examples of online calendars of interest to the WATCH Community are:

TelAbility Calendar

<http://www.telability.org/calendar.pl>

NC Infant-Toddler Training Calendar

<http://www.ncei.org/ei/calendar.html>

**We hope to be able to use an online calendar to keep track of all conferences, in-service trainings, meetings, and videoconferences that will be taking place at WATCH community member sites.**

## **6. VIDEOS**

Online videos allow users to watch short videos on their computer using a special program (like RealPlayer – available at:

[http://www.real.com/player/index.html?src=991129realhome\\_2](http://www.real.com/player/index.html?src=991129realhome_2)

(Choose to download the FREE RealPlayer).

Online videos can be watched at any time of day or night and by any number of different people at different sites.

These videos play on your computer and you can start and stop them whenever you wish.

WATCH members can currently choose from among the following videos on the TelAbility site (more videos can be found at <http://www.telability.org/affiliates.pl>

- Caring for Your Child's Gastrostomy (English Version)  
<http://www.telability.org/videos/Gastrostomy.wmv>
- Caring for Your Child's Gastrostomy (Spanish Version)  
<http://www.telability.org/videos/GastrostomyEspanol.wmv>
- Is My Baby OK?  
<http://www.telability.org/videos/imbok.ram>
- Is My Baby OK? (Spanish Version)  
<http://www.telability.org/videos/EstaBienMiBebe.ram>
- Your Smile: Dental Care for Children with Cerebral Palsy  
<http://www.telability.org/videos/YourSmile.ram>

## 7. VIDEOCONFERENCING

Video conferencing over the Internet allows participants to hear and see each other move at a connecting site, whether it's down the hallway, around the corner, or across the world.



We will be using video conferencing to link up with each other to provide programs like:

- virtual clinics
- interdisciplinary training programs
- distance education for professionals and families
- administrative meetings
- discipline meetings
- parent town meetings
- and more!

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