unsterile needles but unofficial sources place it much higher at 40%. A deeper and more honest look at the problem is definitely warranted in all developing countries (www.nature.com 2nd October 2006).

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Chikungunya Virus Infection

A large number of websites on the Chikungunya virus have come up recently. Some of the prominent ones are listed below.

CHIKV - http://www.chikungunya.ca/

This Canada based website is a comprehensive source of information on the virus. DIsease information and news items from the various sources are listed in this website including WHO, CDC and Reuters.

CDC Fact Sheet - http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/Chikungunya/chickvfact.htm

The CDC website has a consise one-page fact sheet about the disease. The fact sheets are available for download in .doc and pdf format.

Histopathology - net -http://www.histopathology-india.net/CHIKV.htm

This is an India based website that displays a collection of links and abstracts of articles from various databases on chikungunya virus.

Wikipedia - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chikungunya

The wikipedia is an editable online encyclopedia. The Chikungunya page contains information about the disease and links to news items about the disease. The section on the disease origins is interesting. The contents of the website can be modified by users, but requires registration.

European center for Disease prevention and control (ECDC) - http://www.ecdc.eu.int/outbreaks/Chikun gunya_ reunion.php

The ECDC website contains information for travellers on prevention of the chikungunya virus disease.

Flu Trackers - www.flutrackers.com

Flutrackers is an online forum on various emerging viral infections. The Chikungunya page has a large collection of posts about the disease. Participating in the discussions requires registration.

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