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Virtual Human Embryo

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Resource Information

URL: <http://virtualhumanembryo.lsuhscc.edu/>

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Description: A digital image database of serially sectioned human embryos from the Carnegie Collection originally developed as a collaboration between embryologist Dr. Raymond Gasser at Louisiana State University Health Science Center (LSUHSC) and the Human Developmental Anatomy Center (HDAC) in Washington D.C. The aim of the project is to increase understanding of human embryology and to encourage study of human embryonic development by providing students and researchers with reliable resources for human embryo morphology. The VHE project has several components: * DREM: The Digitally Reproduced Embryonic Morphology (DREM) project, with funding from NICHD, project has produced 27 image databases of labeled serial sections from representative human embryos at each of the 23 Carnegie stages. These databases, together with animations and reconstructions of the embryos are available on DVD and CD. * HEIRLOOM: The HEIRLOOM Collection (Human Embryo Imaging and Reconstruction, Library Of Online Media) was funded by the National Library of Medicine to provide greater access to the DREM databases. NLM provided funding to set up this website and to produce additional 3D-reconstructions and animations that are included on the DREM disks. Original website, <http://virtualhumanembryo.lsuhscc.edu/HEIRLOOM/heirloom.htm> * EHD: Starting in 2011, The Endowment for Human Development (EHD) will also host the VHE databases. They have made the project accessible to everyone and include a comprehensive cataloging of all the terms used to label the embryos. Their website enables users to browse through the complete VHE atlas of human embryology, <http://www.ehd.org/virtual-human-embryo/>

Abbreviations: VHE

Synonyms: Virtual Human Embryo Project

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for Virtual Human Embryo.

No alerts have been found for Virtual Human Embryo.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 23 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [SPARC SAWG](#) .

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