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The use of telecommunications and information technology by health personnel in the Pacific Islands region is emerging at best. This should not be surprising since telemedicine and telehealth are still emerging fields in developed countries. The use of technology in the Pacific Islands region suffers from the same problems of budgetary resources, lack of trained personnel, and so on. Further, the use of telecommunications and information technology must compete with the value of other direct health care services.

At the same time, the exchange of and access to information is an important aspect of continuing professional development, consultation, and education. The purpose of this project was to provide training to public health personnel in the use of electronic mail, file transfer, and WWW services through the Internet - services that are provided by PEACESAT in parts of the Pacific Islands region.

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