

## AAO Foundation Award Final Report

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Award Type	Education Innovation Award
Project Title	Pilot Program for Development and Multi-Center Evaluation of Internet-based Graduate Orthodontic Educational Materials
Project Year	2001
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Summary/Abstract	<p>This grant determined that computer and internet capabilities of the US and Canadian orthodontic programs are adequate for access and utilization of the Internet for educational purposes. The development and implementation of a pilot educational program delivered via the Internet was achieved with success. The educational program was accessed at multiple sites and completion of the content was achieved. Investigation and initial attempts at webcasting were of limited success. The limitations of webcasting at the time the pilot program was initiated were related to Internet bandwidth, software/hardware limitations and lack of properly equipped facilities. It is our opinion that Internet delivery of educational content is attainable and could be utilized to meet the shortage of faculty in education. The obstacles being faced for completion of such content are lack of coordination between institutions, difficulty in development of universal educational content and lack of substantial financial commitment.</p>