

# EXPERIENCES FROM A CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE IN PHARMACOLOGY BASED ON DISTANT LEARNING BY THE INTERNET.

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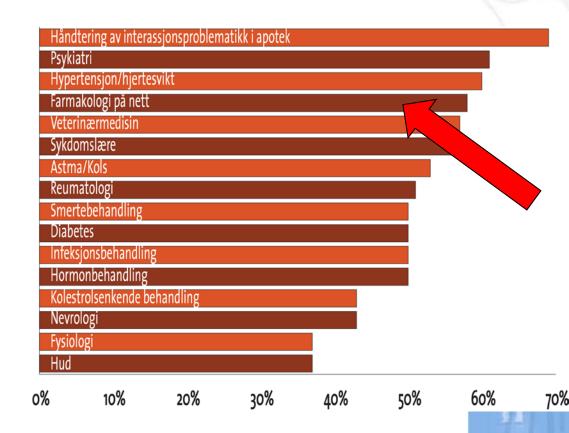
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## The challenge: How to keep track of the developments in the basic sciences while still working full time?

- Register for a course at the university
- Buy a textbook and read it.
  - Unrealistic?
- Read journals?
  - Random information coming in fragments
- Join a web based course using the Internet!
  - An attractive alternative?



 Surveys give a clear picture of what community pharmacists want





- The prosess of developing the course.
  - Multidisiplinary
    - Administration
    - Knowledge of the subject
    - Educational technology
  - A lot of work
- The resulting course
- Evaluation of the course



#### Some objectives

- Try to focus on basic pharmacology, not primarily therapeutics
- Try to cover all general aspects of pharmacology
- Stimulate the active use of web based resources and databases during the course
- Try to make basic pharmacology relevant to daily work activities
- Hopefully develop a functional, stimulating and attractive interface



#### Some important desicions

- Use a selected textbook throughout the course
- Present the pharmacology of <u>selected</u> drugs
- Organize the course in 10 "moduls"
  - Main focus on:
  - Drugs with effect on respiration
  - Drugs used in cardiovascular disease
  - Drugs with effect on the nervous system

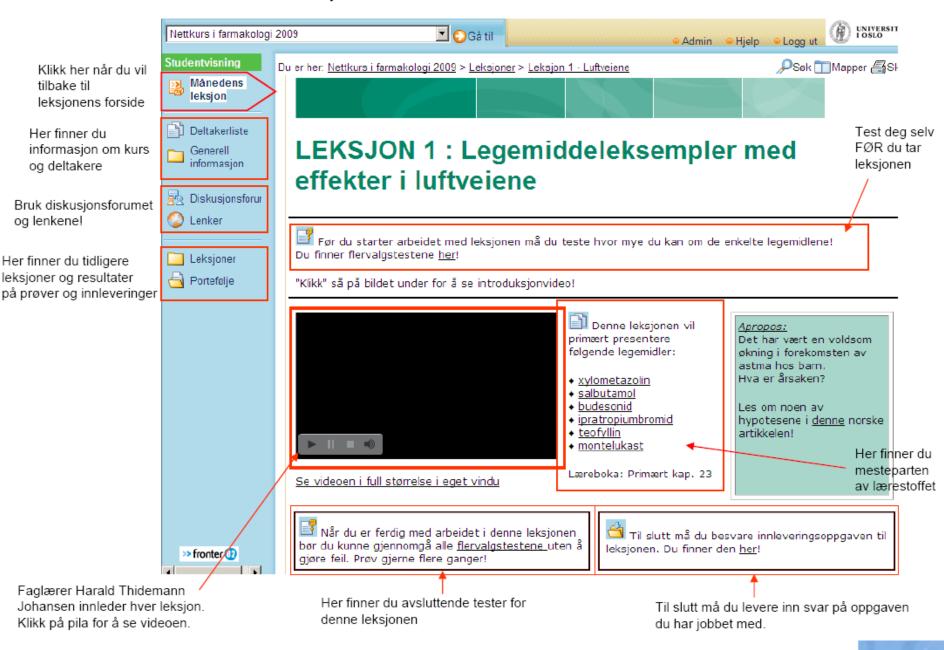


## The learning platform Fronter® was chosen: But what should we put into it??

- A presentation of selected topics
- Multiple-choice questions for self-evaluation
- Illustrations and video-material
- A discussion forum
- Relevant links to web-resources
- References to the textbook
- An compulsory assignment for each module, to be delivered within a set date

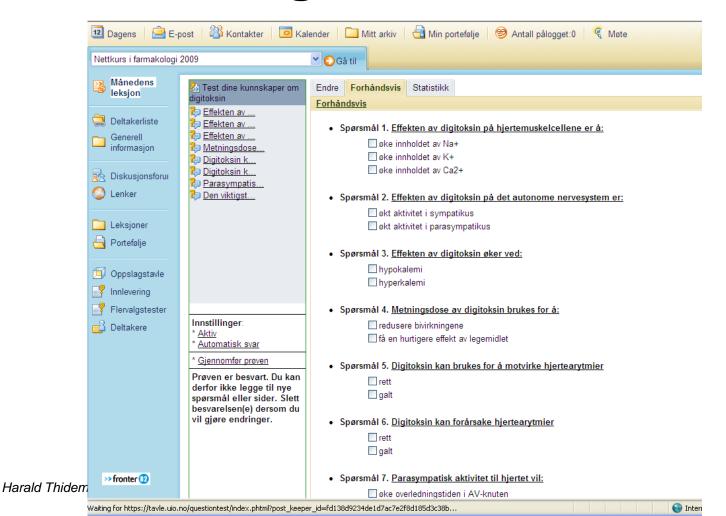
#### Hvordan gå fram?

Dette er forsiden av rommet. Her finner du alt du trenger for å jobbe med den aktuelle leksjonen. Diskusjonsforum, lenker, resultater og tidligere leksjoner finner du i den blå menyen til venstre.





### A set of multiple choice questions for each drug:



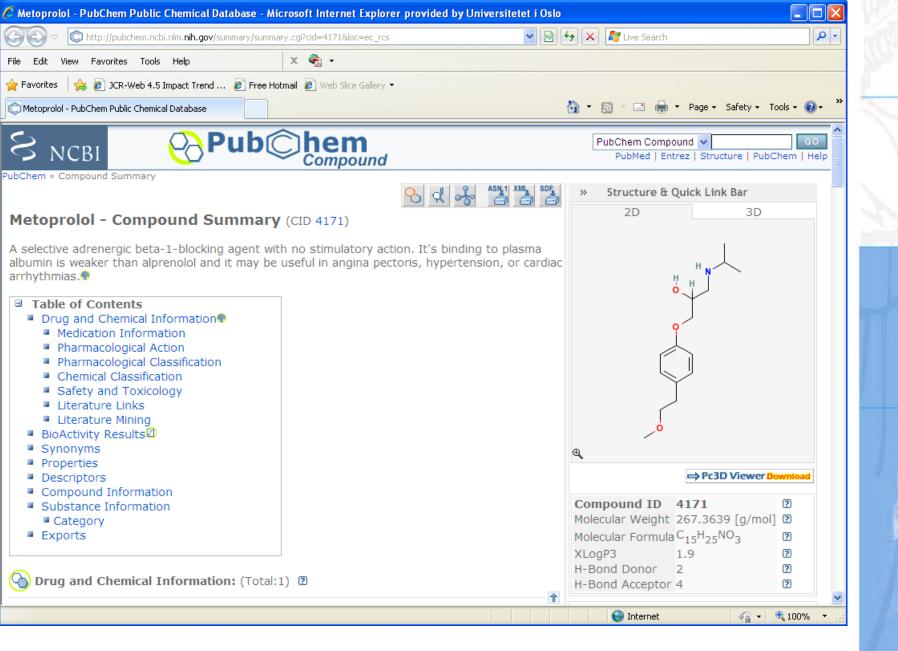


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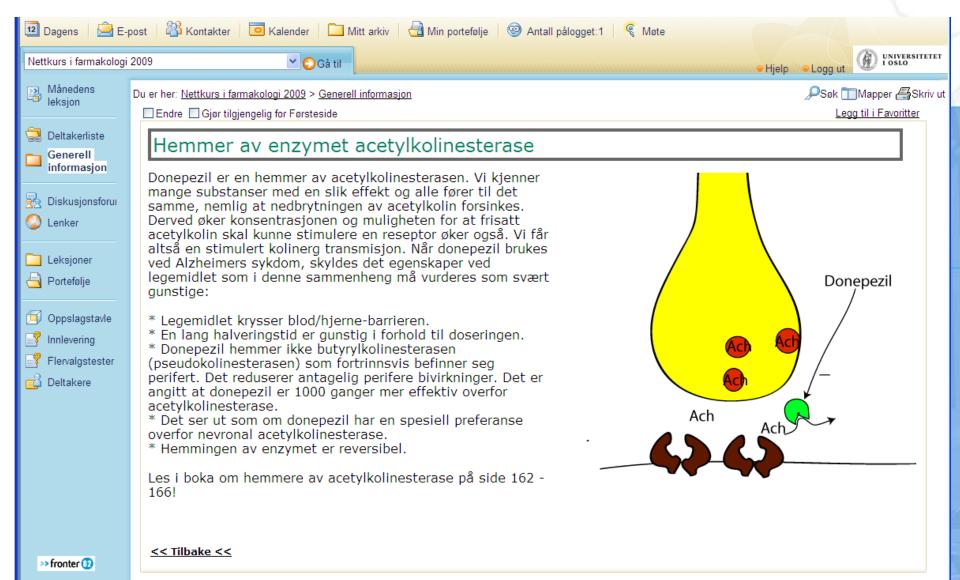
### Learning about the individual drugs



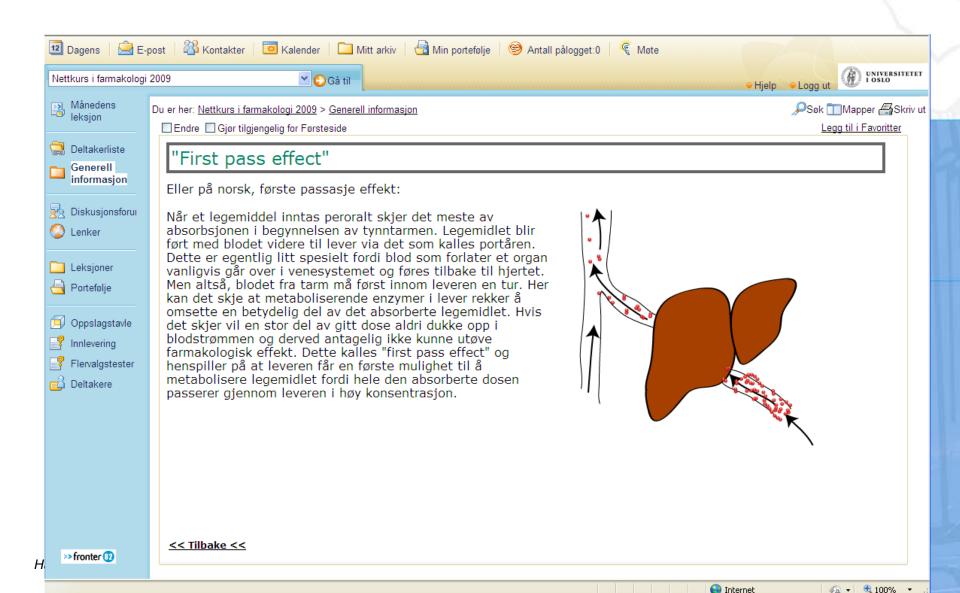




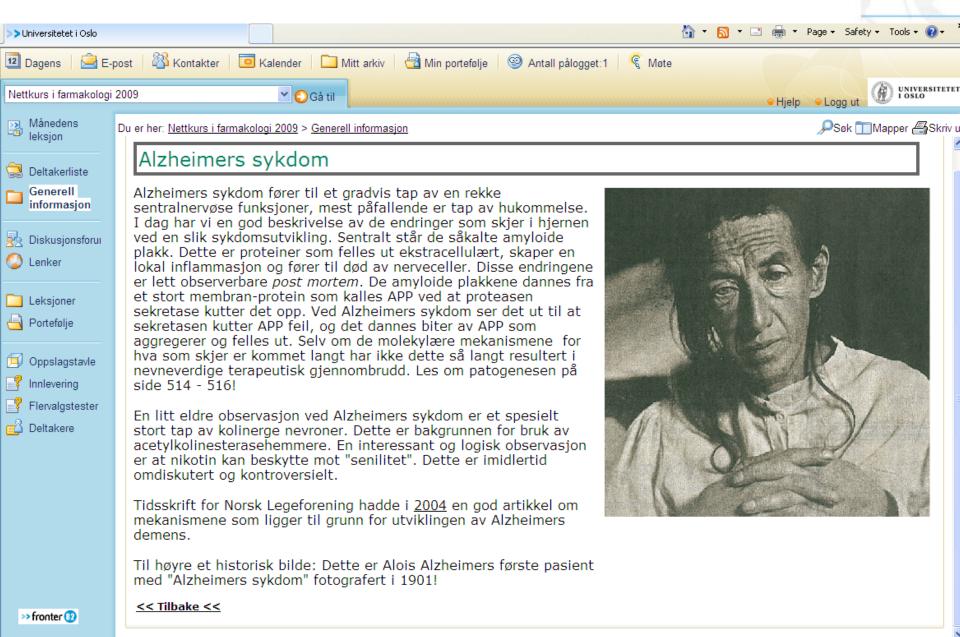
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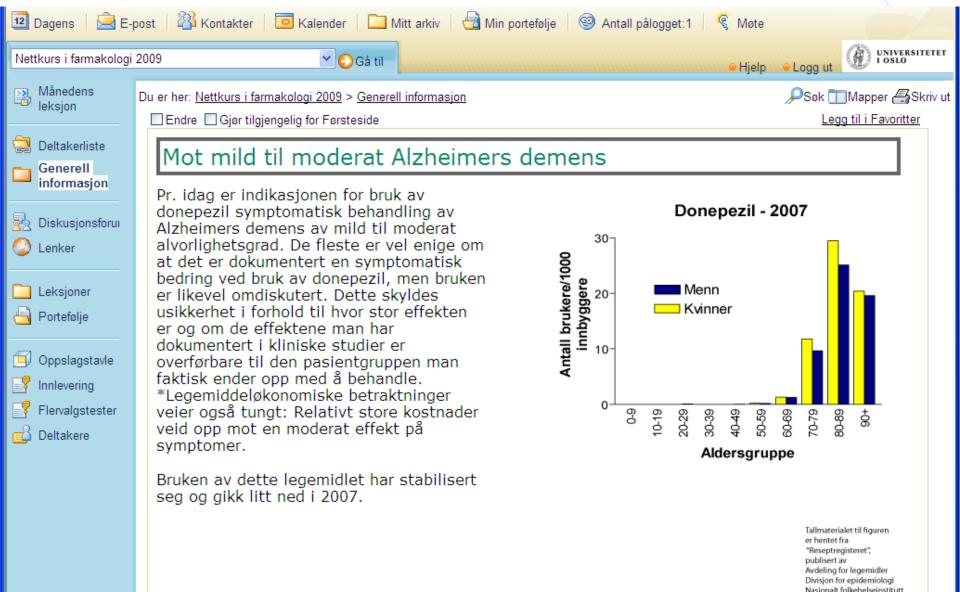


#### A comment on physiology/pathophysiology.... UNIVERSITY OF OSLO

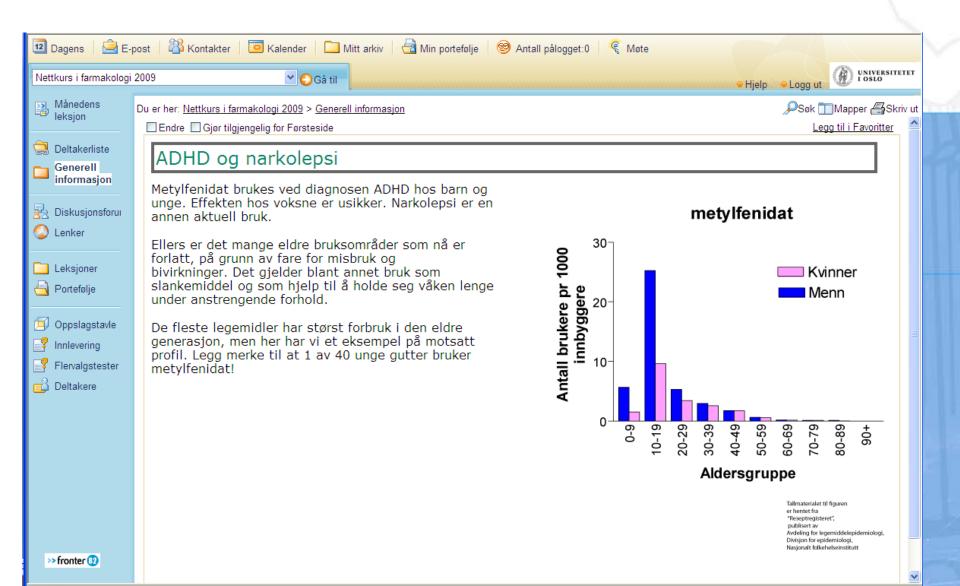




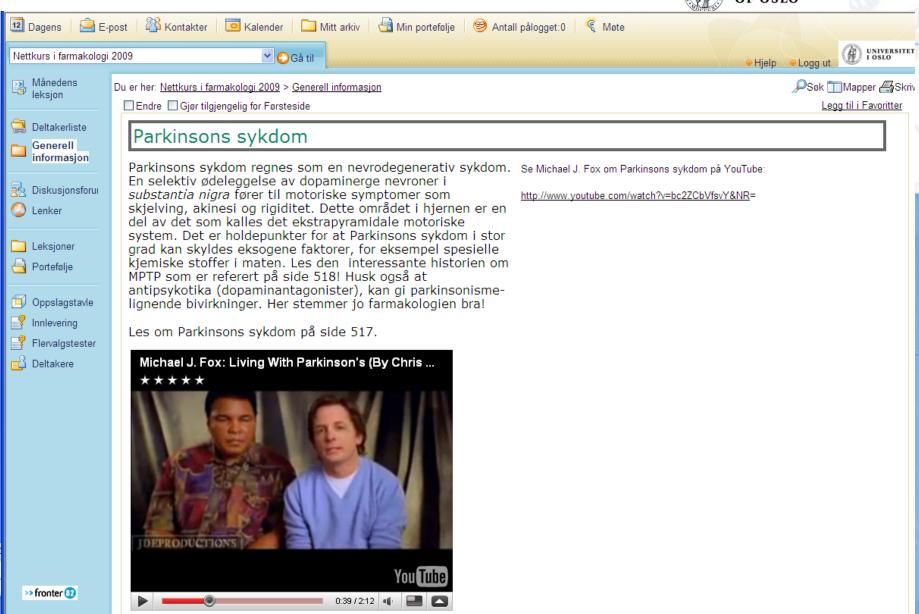
#### Something about "use"....





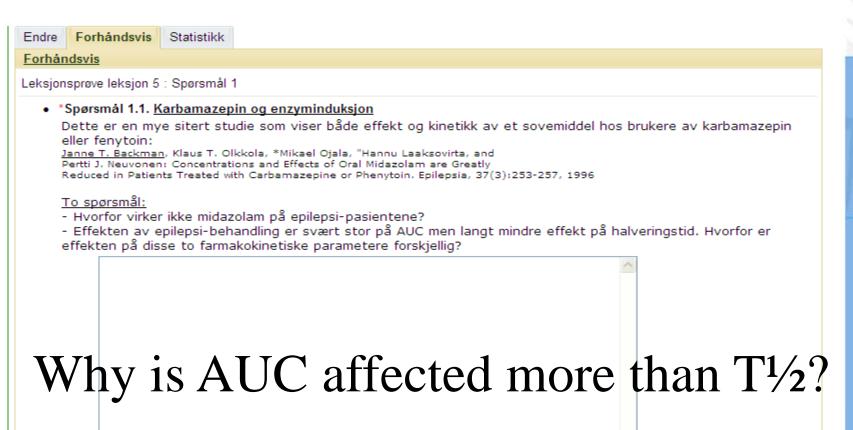






#### How to phrase a good question in this setting? UNIVERSITY OF OSLO

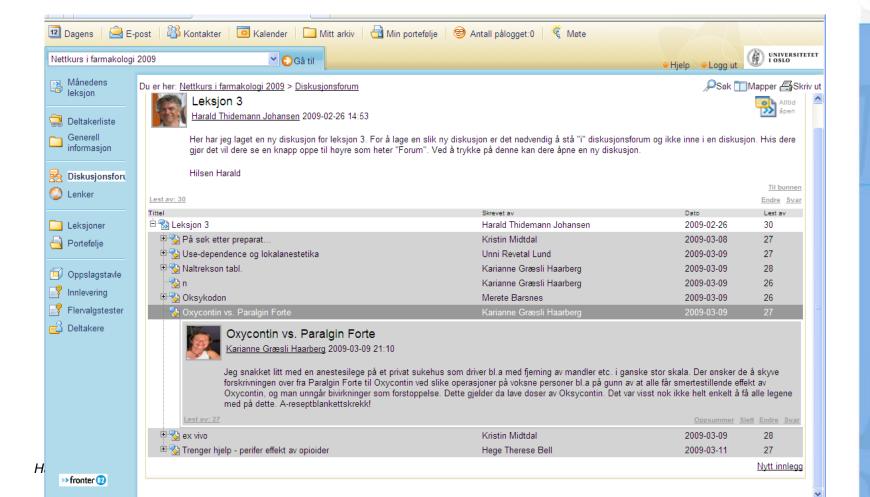
Problem based questions
 Active use of web resources
 Highlight topics where basic pharmacology has some relevance to the use of drugs



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## How to keep up activity in discussions? "Planned" meetings Discuss other things as well





#### **Status**

- First course is running now
  - Time frame 1 year
- 30 participants
  - Over-booked and a waiting list..
- The course has been well received
  - Preliminary evaluation has been made
  - Report
- Very little drop-out
  - 26 of 28 active participants halfway through the course



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