

2008 SGIM Health Literacy Interest Group (Session IF07)

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Organizations and initiatives that support health literacy, plain language, or clear communication

- Academy for Educational Development <http://www.aed.org/> (then search health literacy)
- American Academy on Communication in Healthcare <http://www.aachonline.org/>
- American Association of Retired People (AARP) <http://www.aarp.org/research/health/healthliteracy/>
- American College of Physicians Foundation http://foundation.acponline.org/health_lit.htm
- American Medical Association Foundation <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/8115.html>
- Bayer Institute for Health Care Communication <http://www.healthcarecomm.org/>
- California Health Literacy Initiative <http://www.cahealthliteracy.org/>
- Cancer, Culture, and Literacy Institute <http://www.moffitt.org> (then search health literacy)
- Center for Health Care Strategies <http://www.chcs.org/> (then search health literacy)
- Center for Plain Language <http://www.centerforplainlanguage.org>
- Centre for Literacy of Quebec <http://www.centreforliteracy.qc.ca/>
- Coalition for Health Communication <http://www.healthcommunication.net/>
- Consumer Health Vocabulary Initiative <http://www.consumerhealthvocab.org>
- Exchange: Websites & Gateways <http://www.healthcomms.org/resource/website.html>
- Georgia State University <http://education.gsu.edu/csai/site/activities1.htm>
- Hablamos Juntos <http://www.hablamosjuntos.org/>
- Harvard Health Literacy Studies <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/healthliteracy/>
- Healthcare and Aging Network (HAN) <http://www.asaging.org/networks/han/healthlit.cfm>
- Health Literacy Curricula (compilation) <http://www.advancinghealthliteracy.com/curricula.html>
- Health Literacy Institute <http://www.healthliteracyinstitute.net/>
- Health Literacy Month <http://www.healthliteracymonth.com/>
- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) <http://www.hrsa.gov/healthliteracy/>
- Institute for Healthcare Advancement <http://www.ih4health.org/>
- Institute of Medicine (focus on communication) <http://www.iom.edu/focuson.asp?id=6095>
- LaRue Medical Literacy Exercises <http://www.mcedservices.com/medex/medex.htm>
- Literacy Information aNd Communication System (LINCS) <http://www.nifl.gov/lincs/>
- LINCS Health & Literacy Special Collection <http://healthliteracy.worlded.org/>
- Medical Librarian Association: MLANet <http://www.mlanet.org/resources/healthlit/>
- Medscape health literacy CME program <http://www.medscape.com/viewprogram/8603>
- National Center for Education Statistics (NAAL) <http://nces.ed.gov/naal/> (then click "Assessment of...")
- National Center for Family Literacy <http://www.famlit.org/>
- National Center for the Study of Adult Learning and Literacy <http://www.ncsall.net/>
- National Council on Patient Education and Information <http://www.talkaboutrx.org/index.jsp>
- National Institute for Literacy <http://www.nifl.gov>
- National Institutes of Health <http://www.nih.gov/icd/od/ocpl/resources/mprovinghealthliteracy.htm>
- National Library of Medicine Current Bibliographies <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/archive/20061214/pubs/cbm/hliteracy.html>
- National Literacy and Health Program (Canada) <http://www.nlhp.cpha.ca/>
- Partnership for Clear Health Communication <http://www.askme3.org/>

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- Pfizer Clear Health Communication Initiative <http://www.pfizerhealthliteracy.com/>
- Plain Language Action & Information Network <http://www.plainlanguage.gov>
- Plain Language Association International <http://www.plainlanguagenetwork.org>
- Project Shine MetLife Health Literacy Initiative <http://www.projectshine.org/healthliteracy/geninfo.htm>
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation <http://www.rwjf.org>
- University of Virginia <http://www.healthsystem.virginia.edu/internet/som-hlc/>
- Vanderbilt Program on Effective Health Communication <http://medicine.mc.vanderbilt.edu/healthcomm>

Selected Publications

- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, *Literacy and Health Outcomes* Evidence Report/Technology Assessment Number 87. AHRQ Publication No. 04-E007-2, January 2004. Summary at <http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/epcsums/litsum.htm> full report from <http://www.ahrq.gov/clinic/epcindex.htm>. Printed copies from 1-800-358-9295 or e-mail to ahrqpubs@ahrq.gov. Other literacy-related publications at <http://www.ahrq.gov/path/beactive.htm>
- American College of Physicians Foundation and Institute of Medicine, 2006 National Health Communication Conference. Executive Summary available at http://foundation.acponline.org/files/hcc5_exsum.pdf. Print copy available from Jonathan Uhl at juhl@mail.acponline.org, or call (215) 351-2819.
- American Medical Association, *Understanding Health Literacy. Implications for Medicine and Public Health*. https://catalog.ama-assn.org/Catalog/product/product_detail.jsp?productId=prod240170 or visit <http://www.amapress.com> then search literacy
- Center for Health Care Strategies, <http://www.chcs.org>, nine fact sheets, each covering an important aspect of health literacy, and bibliography.
- Doak CC, Doak LG, Root J. *Teaching Patients with Low Literacy Skills* (2nd ed). <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/healthliteracy/doak.html>
- *Healthy People 2010*, Chapter 11: Health Communication <http://www.healthypeople.gov/document/HTML/Volume1/11HealthCom.htm>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Simply Put*. <http://www.cdc.gov/communication/resources/simpput.pdf>
- Institute of Medicine, *Health Literacy: A Prescription to End Confusion*. <http://www.nap.edu/catalog/10883.html> or <http://www.iom.edu/report.asp?id=19723>
- Joint Commission, health literacy white paper. http://www.jointcommission.org/NR/rdonlyres/D5248B2E-E7E6-4121-8874-99C7B4888301/0/improving_health_literacy.pdf
- *Journal of General Internal Medicine* Special Issue on Health Literacy. <http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/toc/jgi/21/8>
- National Cancer Institute, *Clear and Simple*. <http://www.cancer.gov/cancerinformation/clearandsimple>
- National Library of Medicine, Current Bibliographies in Medicine: Understanding Health Literacy and Its Barriers, 651 citations, January 1998-November 2003 plus selected earlier and later citations <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/archive/20061214/pubs/cbm/hliteracy.html>
- Reference list of health literacy research, Harvard Health Literacy Studies. <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/healthliteracy/literature.html>
- Pfizer Clear Health Communication Initiative health literacy materials <http://www.pfizerhealthliteracy.com/physicians-providers/materials.html>
- Surgeon General Richard Carmona, June 14, 2003, "Health Literacy in America: The Role of Health Care Professionals" <http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/news/speeches/ama061403.htm> or <http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/publichealthpriorities.html#literacy>
- VALNET Health Literacy Resources, September 2004: <http://www.mdmlg.org/Health-Literacy-Resources.pdf>
- White House Conference on Aging, Health Literacy and Health Disparities Mini-Conference, Jul 21, 2005
Final Report: http://www.whcoa.gov/about/policy/meetings/mini_conf/07_21_05_FINAL.pdf
Summary & Recommendations: http://www.whcoa.gov/about/policy/meetings/mini_conf/HLHD_07_2005.pdf

Selected Grant Opportunities (3/08)

- Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy (NIH Program Announcement)
R01- <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-07-020.html>
R03- <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-07-019.html>
R21- <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-07-018.html>
- Pfizer Clear Health Communication Initiative / Pfizer Public Health Medical & Academic Partnerships <http://www.promisingminds.com/>

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