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Health Literacy – Fewer Disparities

As health professionals, sharing of resources is one of the things we strive to encourage and perpetuate.

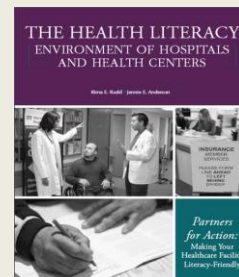
A recent resource passed on to us by one of our Librarians, is one which may be very valuable to some of our clients, especially those concerned with health literacy.

The demands of a hospital or health center are varied and health literacy is a topic which is always a major concern. It is estimated that over 90 million U.S. adults do not have the literacy skills to access and use U.S. health systems.

Healthcare systems are becoming increasingly complex, yet most adults have trouble understanding the language of the medical disciplines.

With this in mind, the attached link to a free downloadable publication by the Harvard School of Public Health aims to help make our healthcare facilities more literacy-friendly.

<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/healthliteracy/files/healthliteracyenvironment.pdf>



“Health literacy is the currency of success for improving emergency preparedness, eliminating health disparities, and preventing disease.”

—U.S. Surgeon General
 Dr. Richard Carmona, 2004

P.I.C.O. For Research

From time to time we hear from students and other health professionals who experience difficulty finding just the right articles which will address the clinical questions they have in mind. Being able to define a clinical question in terms of the specific patient problem can help the researcher find clinically relevant evidence in the available literature.

With that in mind we would like to suggest using a research guide that was designed some years ago to assist health care professionals and students become more effective users of the medical literature. This guide is known as P.I.C.O., and stands for **P**atient, **I**ntervention, **C**omparison and **O**utcome.

We have gathered several links from related medical websites which help demonstrate the process with related examples, work sheets and search strategies. And of course if all else fails, you can always contact the medical librarians here at the Briscoe Medical Library for help.

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<http://researchguides.uic.edu/content.php?pid=232200&sid=1921075>

<http://ebiling.library.wisc.edu/portals/ebhc/pico.php>

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