

Health Literacy:

Where to find additional information

General Resources

National Assessment of Adult Literacy

Includes Health Literacy section with info on results, assessment description, etc.

<http://nces.ed.gov/naal/health.asp>

National Health Literacy Action Plan

Good overview of Health Literacy and lots of useful references and resources.

http://www.health.gov/communication/hlactionplan/pdf/Health_Literacy_Action_Plan.pdf

Harvard Health Literacy website

Lots of helpful materials, including resources and publications aimed at helping organizations assess and implement health literacy programs.

<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/healthliteracy/>

National Library of Medicine Health Literacy page

Good resource with data, links to reports, and other sites with good info.

<http://nnlm.gov/outreach/consumer/hlthlit.html#A3>

Health Literacy Innovations (Company)

A for-profit site selling their software, but this particular page links to useful publications and infographics from outside this company.

http://www.healthliteracyinnovations.com/resources/industry_publications/

Toolkits and Instruments for Organizational and Individual Assessment

HIV Guidelines Tools Summary

This is a nice overview of many of the assessments I list below with limitations noted, including one specific to assessing PLWH.

<http://www.hivguidelines.org/wp-content/uploads/Health-Literacy-Screening-Tools.pdf>

CDC Health Literacy Research and Evaluation Tools

See Assessment Tools at bottom of page for links to numerous resources.

<http://www.cdc.gov/healthliteracy/researchevaluate/index.html>

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Universal Precautions Toolkit
Describes an approach to health literacy borrowing the Universal Precautions framework for risk management of blood-borne illness.

<http://www.ahrq.gov/legacy/qual/literacy/>

Newest Vital Sign

Tool to assess patient health literacy levels in clinical settings. (Available in Spanish)

http://www.pfizer.com/health/literacy/public_policy_researchers/nvs_toolkit

Rapid Estimate of Adult Literacy in Medicine (REALM)

Another tool to assess patient health literacy levels in clinical settings. (Available in Spanish)

<http://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/quality-patient-safety/quality-resources/tools/literacy/index.html>

Test of Functional Health Literacy in Adults (TOFHLA)

Longer, more comprehensive exam that uses real-life scenarios (such as reading medicine labels) to assess health literacy.

http://www.peppercornbooks.com/catalog/information.php?info_id=5

Plain Language Resources

Plain Language Issue Brief

Describes why plain language is a promising strategy for clearly communicating health information and improving health literacy

<http://www.health.gov/communication/literacy/plainlanguage/PlainLanguage.htm>

Plain Language website

Excellent resource with lots of links to more information.

http://www.plainlanguage.gov/populartopics/health_literacy/

CDC Health Literacy Materials Development

Guidelines for developing plain language materials for health communications.

<http://www.cdc.gov/healthliteracy/developmaterials/guidancestandards.html>

Additional Resources (including Staying Healthy Curriculum Guides) from the Florida Literacy Coalition can be found here:

http://floridaliteracy.org/literacy_resources_teacher_tutor_health_literacy.html