

**The Health & Literacy Special Collection**  
**Rating Worksheet: Health Materials**

Total Score:   
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Scoring: 0 = poor  
1 = good  
2 = excellent  
Total score of 26 or more passes.

**Name of Material or Site:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Site Address (URL):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reviewed by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Reviewed:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Clarity and Ease-of-use</b>
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**Look at the web design and user-friendliness of the site.**

- The home page is welcoming and makes the purpose of the site clear.
- The site is easy to navigate and understand.
- The links are well-categorized and clearly labeled.

**If the site includes information that patients will read directly (e.g. web-based medical information or printable fact sheets or brochures) check the following \*:**

- The writing is simple, clear and non-technical.
- The text is well organized and contains enough white space to make it easy to read.
- The font is big enough to be easy to read.
- There are enough graphics and colors to make the materials appealing to patients.

\* If the site does not contain direct patient materials, score a 1 in each box.

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Content

**Look at the information presented in the site.**

- The health content is accurate, based on my knowledge.
- The creator of the material/site is reputable and reliable.
- The material/site has been created or updated recently. (Score 2 if within 1 year, 1 if within 2 years, and 0 if within 3 or more years.)
- The material/site does not present a biased view of the information presented.
- The creators do not benefit financially from the use of the material/site.
- This material/site reflects current research and professional wisdom in the field of medicine.
- This material/site reflects current research and professional wisdom in the field of health education (i.e. its approach to helping patients change their behavior in order to take better care of their health.)

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Multi-cultural Sensitivity

**Look at how the material/site addresses different ethnicities, customs, and levels of economic status. Look for the following characteristics:**

- No obvious stereotypes are portrayed.
- The material/site does not contain any tone or information that might be perceived as exclusive or offensive to people from different cultures or levels of economic status.
- The material/site addresses the issue of cultural diversity or sensitivity.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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<b>Extra Credit</b>	<b>Score 5 extra points</b>
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**Does this material have unique or outstanding qualities that warrant special recognition?**

**Multi-Media Extra Credit**

Is there creative or innovative use of audio, video, or other technological features? Please explain:

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**Language Extra Credit**

Is this material/site written in a language other than English, or does it include information in a variety of languages? Please explain:

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**Other**

Please explain if this resource has other truly unique qualities that deserve extra credit.

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<b>Add scores from all boxes, including Extra Credit. Write total score in box on page 1.</b>
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