



Health Literacy Development among People with Chronic Diseases: Advancing the State of the Art and Learning from International Practices

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Chronic diseases account for a considerable part of the strain on health care systems. They are also burdensome for each affected individual and their families. In recent years, the concept of health literacy has been substantially elaborated on, particularly with regard to its definition, its transfer into the digital world, the development and conduct of interventions, and efforts to improve its measurement.

While advancements are uncontested, the specific demands of chronically ill people for health literacy skills, health literate environments, and challenges attached to these demands remain unchanged. Furthermore, specific aspects of health literacy advancements are either still unresolved or emergent because of dynamic developments in health and health care.

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