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Health literacy and numeracy and its impact on type 2 diabetes



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Objectives



- 1. Describe the scope and impact of poor health literacy upon self-management of type 2 diabetes.
- 2. Define patient numeracy.
- 3. Describe the impact of poor patient numeracy in the selfmanagement of type 2 diabetes.

Health Literacy



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 The degree to which people have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services to make appropriate health decisions.

Prevalence Low Health Literacy



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- Low health literacy in adults with type 2 diabetes:
 - Global prevalence: 34.3%
 - US prevalence: 28.9%
 - Education mediates the relationship between health literacy and health outcomes.

Abdullah A et al., PLoS ONE. 2019, 14(5): e0216402; Zimmerman EB et al., 2015, Popul Health Behav Soc Sci Insights; Van Der Heide I et al., 2013, J Health Commun..

Impact on Type 2 Diabetes



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- Lower health literacy associated with:
 - Less diabetes knowledge
 - Higher A1C levels
 - Decreased exercise and foot care*
 - Difficulty communicating and understanding medical terms
 - Less desire to participate in shared decision-making

*Significant in studies using self-report measures

Marciano L, et al. JGIM, 2019, 34(6): 1007-17.; DeWalt DA et al., Am J Health Behav, 2007; Castro CM et al., Am J Health Behav. 2007; Schillinger D et al., Patient Educ Couns. 2004.

Impact on Type 2 Diabetes



- Gaps in knowledge:
 - Relationship between health literacy and self-care
 - Relationship between health literacy and self-efficacy
 - Gender differences
 - Effectiveness of interventions with experimental design
 - Cost-effectiveness of interventions
 - Influence of environment



Institute of Medicine Committee on Health Literacy. Health Literacy: A Prescription to End Confusion. Washington, DC: the National Acadmies Press, 2004.

Numeracy in its various forms



<u>Broadly</u>:

- the ability to understand and work with numbers
- <u>Health numeracy</u>:
- Health numeracy is the degree to which individuals have the capacity to access, process, interpret, communicate, and act on numerical, quantitative, graphical, biostatistical, and probabilistic health information needed to make effective health decisions.

Physician/Health professional numeracy



> Acad Med. 2010 Nov;85(11):1794-9. doi: 10.1097/ACM.0b013e3181e7218c.

Physician numeracy as the basis for an evidencebased medicine curriculum

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Common Numeracy Skills

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Skills

Numeration/counting/hierarchy

Calculations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division)

Understanding time/dates

Reading graphs/tables/figures/ measurement

Using fractions/ decimals/ percentages/ proportions

Understanding probability

Higher order mathematics (algebra, geometry, calculus, etc.)

Applied (Contextual) Skills

Performing multi-step math problems Estimation

Applying logic

Ability to interpret/ infer mathematics from problem/situation, problem solving



Scope of the Problem



- Given a bus schedule, 32% of adults cannot figure out the duration of a ride. (110 million Americans)
- Low numeracy strongly associated with poor diabetes control

New Report Documents Low Level of Numeracy in Adult Black Population

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The Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies is a large-scale study of working-age adults – ages 16 to 65 – conducted by the U.S. Department of Education that assesses adult skills in three domains: literacy, numeracy, and digital problem solving. The assessment defines numeracy as "the ability to access, use, interpret and communicate mathematical information and ideas in order to engage in and manage the mathematical demands of a range of situations in adult life."

So what should we do?



- Awareness
- Assessment

Question 1

You are told to follow the sliding scale shown here. The sliding scale indicates the amount of insulin you take based upon your blood sugar levels.

If Blood sugar is:	Units of Insulin
130-180	0
181-230	1
231-280	2
281-330	3
331-380	4

How much insulin would you take for a blood sugar of 295?

ANSWER _____ units

Correct answer: 3 units

Percent answered correctly 85%



Thank you!

Questions/Discussion





Extra slides

Low Health Literacy



- More prevalent among:
 - Older adults
 - Minority populations
 - Medically underserved people
 - People with low socioeconomic status

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Impact of Low Health Literacy

- Low health literacy results in:
 - Medication errors
 - Not performing self-care behaviors
 - Reduced use of preventive services
 - Increased emergency department visits
 - Longer hospital stays and increased hospital re-admissions
 - Increased mortality

Berkman ND et al., Literacy and Health Outcomes, AHRQ, 2004; Health Literacy: A Prescription to End Confusion, 2004, National Academies Press.