



Resources for Plain Language

1. Pfizer Principles for Clear Health Communication, 2nd Edition
A Handbook for Creating Patient Education Materials That Enhance Understanding and Promote Health Outcomes
<http://www.pfizer.com/files/health/PfizerPrinciples.pdf>
2. Plain Language Thesaurus for Health Communication
https://depts.washington.edu/respcare/public/info/Plain_Language_Thesaurus_for_Health_Communications.pdf
3. Medline Plus: How to Write Easy-to-Read Health Materials
Includes Readability software programs, Sites with easy-to-read health materials, Guides, tools, articles and bibliographies for developing easy-to-read materials.
<https://medlineplus.gov/etr.html>
4. Writing Health Information for Patients and Families – A guide to developing educational materials that promote health literacy
http://www.hamiltonhealthsciences.ca/workfiles/PATIENT_ED/Writing_HI_Edition4.pdf
5. Plain Language Service
This website provides information for health care providers explaining what plain language is and how to write health information at the 4th to 6th grade level. A plain language service, from the Canadian Public Health Service, takes difficult patient handouts and revises them into plain language for a fee.
www.cpha.ca/en/pls.aspx

6. Pfizer: How can health care professionals improve verbal communication with patients and families?

http://www.pfizer.com/health/literacy/healthcare_professionals/improving_health_comm/how_healthcare_professionals_improve_verbal_communication

7. Plain Language: A Promising Strategy for Clearly Communicating Health Information and Improving Health Literacy. UD Department of Health and Human Services.

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