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## Health Reference

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## Health Literacy

What is it and why do I care?

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## Skills Needed

- Evaluating information for credibility and quality
- Analyzing relative risks and benefits,
- Calculating dosages
- Interpreting test results
- Locating health information.

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## Common Questions

What do people really want to know?

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- Health & Fitness
  - Mental Health Diseases
  - Over the Counter or Prescription Drugs
  - Problems with Drugs or Alcohol
  - Health Insurance
  - Medicare/Medicaid
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- ### Resources
- PubMed
  - MedlinePlus
  - Gale Virtual Reference Library
  - HighWire Press, Stanford University
  - Wegner Health Science Information Center
  - Health Connect of South Dakota
  - South Dakota Public Library
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## Managing Your Collection



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## Partnerships and Programming



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## A Vague Disclaimer is Nobody's Friend

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## OpSec: Keep it Secure!

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## Other Ethical Concerns



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## Resources Used

- National Network of Libraries of Medicine
- Health Connect of South Dakota
- Wegner Health Science Information Center
- Pew Research Center
- Healthy People 2010 and 2020
- Answering Consumer Health Questions: The Medical Library Associations Guide for Reference Librarians by Michele Spatz

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Thank You!

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