



# Examining Health Literacy Definitions, Causal Models and Measurement from a Patient-Centered Perspective

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# Discussion Questions

1. What is the patients' perspective about health literacy and how does it affect their experience as a patient?
2. To what extent does the definition of health literacy matter for our research and practice?
3. What are other methodologies or theoretical perspectives can we use to expand the definition of health literacy measures beyond the individual level?
4. How can the construct of “health literacy” be used to help communicate scientific evidence and the development of interventions?

# Session Approach

## ▪ Discussion Question 1

- Speaker 1
- Reactants
- Discussion

## ▪ Discussion Question 2

- Speaker 2
- Reactants
- Discussion

## ▪ Discussion Question 3

- Speaker 3
- Reactants
- Discussion

## ▪ Discussion Question 4

- Speaker 4
- Reactants
- Discussion