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Accessibility in Healthcare

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Announcements

- Western PA Conservancy - this Sunday, 4/2!!!
- Shadowing opportunities
 - Dr. Chu in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (closes 4/3)
 - Dr. Spiess in Plastic Surgery (closes 4/5)
 - Dr. Kahn in Critical Care (closes 4/5)
 - Dr. Aneja in Critical Care Pediatrics - summer opportunity! (closes 4/18)
- Research opportunities pamphlet - coming soon!!
- Mentor-Mentee Wrap Up Dinner!!
 - Saturday, April 16th
 - 6-8 p.m. WPU 548
 - Pictures, food (Chipotle), and fun!!!
- Takeover happening this Saturday! (@heykellyellen)
- Pitt Traditions Week competition! (Shares and participation helps!)

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**Today's meeting: Accessibility in Healthcare
with Pitt's ASL Club!!**



Various barriers in healthcare

- High cost of care
- Lack of availability/services
- Patients who speak foreign languages
- Cultural differences
- Literacy

Ex. Low Literacy affects healthcare

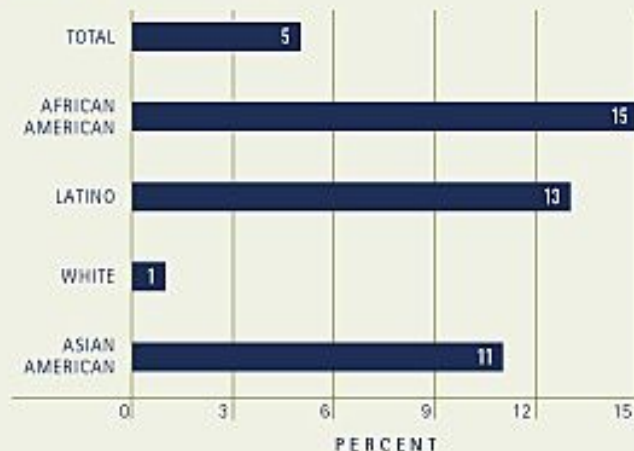
- 40 to 44 million Americans do not have the necessary literacy skills for daily functioning
 - Elderly patients
- Low literacy may affect patients' ability to read and understand instructions on prescription or medicine bottles, health educational materials, and insurance forms
- Older patients with chronic diseases may need to make multiple and complex decisions about the management of their conditions
- Racial and ethnic minorities are also more likely to have lower levels of literacy, often due to cultural and language barriers and differing educational opportunities

Ex. Cultural Competency

Racial and Ethnic Minorities are Less Satisfied with the Health Care They Receive

FIGURE 4

Proportion of people who believe they would receive better health care if they were of a different race and/or ethnicity, total and by race/ethnicity



SOURCE: Collins, K.S., Hughes, D.L., Doty, M.M., Ives, B.L., Edwards, J.H. & Tenney, K. 2002. *Diverse communities, common concerns: Assessing health care quality for minority Americans*. New York: The Commonwealth Fund.

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