

Appendix C: Acknowledgements

Surgeon General's Workshop on Improving Health Literacy

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HHS Health Literacy Workgroup

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Health Literacy Workgroup was formed in 2004 under the leadership of the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. The Workgroup fosters inter-agency collaboration to raise awareness of this issue, meeting bi-monthly to review progress, share information, and develop strategic plans and activities on health literacy. Members of the Workgroup formed a Steering Committee to develop a Surgeon General's Workshop on Improving Health Literacy. Their commitment to improve the health literacy of all Americans led to a robust presentation of the science and research base that supports the improvement of health literacy.

Workshop Attendees

Approximately 80 experts in the field of health literacy and related disciplines attended the invitation-only Surgeon General's Workshop on Improving Health Literacy. The participants provided valuable insights concerning the scope of the problem of limited health literacy, highlighting gaps in the knowledge base, and suggesting methods to improve health literacy. Their thoughtful contributions helped guide the development of this report.

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- Administration on Aging
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- Food and Drug Administration
- Indian Health Service
- Office of HIV/AIDS Policy
- Office of Minority Health
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
- National Institutes of Health
 - National Cancer Institute
 - National Eye Institute
 - National Human Genome Research Institute
 - National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute
 - National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research
 - National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
 - National Institute on Drug Abuse
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