Health Literacy and Non-communicable Diseases: Research, Practice and Policy Perspectives

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Objectives and Focus

• Explore and discuss the role and contribution of health literacy in dealing with NCDs and chronic illnesses from a variety of vantage points.

• Focus:
  – The contribution of health literacy to the global burden of disease
  – Measuring health literacy with regard to NCDs
  – The concept of Health Literate Organizations and their role in preventing and managing NCDs
  – Capacity building for health literacy and NCD prevention, early detection and self-care
Points for Discussion

• Do you recognize the role of health literacy in self-management education of patients? Can you give additional examples?

• Do you consider the concept of Health Literate Organizations useful? Do you consider it applicable to deal with patients suffering from NCDs with low literacy in their health systems and organizations?

• What possibilities do you see to measure health literacy with regard to NCDs?

• What are the capacities of health providers that need to be strengthened to address low health literacy?