Health literacy is the capacity to understand basic health information and make appropriate health decisions. A health literate healthcare organization is described as easier for people to use, and critical to delivering patient-centered care. It supports patient-provider communication to improve health care quality, reduce errors, facilitate shared decision-making, and improve health outcomes.

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