Improving Access to Health Care for Deaf Populations

A Collaborative Project of the Sinai Health System and Advocate Health Care

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Products Produced by the Project

1. **Survey.** Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHOH) Survey (139 items) of Health Knowledge, Attitude and Behavior with a focus on primary care, as well as access to quality care, health related quality of life and demographics. Available both in written English and ASL DVD formats and including English and ASL gloss version of the survey, information on the screening process, the consent form (in both English and ASL DVD), and the recruitment script.


2. **Curricula.**
   


   c. Curriculum for patient activation in ASL and English. Portions of the evaluation tool require independent licensing for use, and are therefore not available directly from us. We will provide a suggested evaluation plan with information on licenses needed and how to obtain those licenses. Once we have evidence of a license being in place, we will release the English and ASL video version of the Evaluation Tool, along with a database for data collection.

3. **Learning Package.** A multi-faceted package of materials for activated patient group education using a Train-the-trainer model includes curricula for trainers and students with DVD training tools and sample exercises. It also includes evaluation tools with a link to the *Active Patient, Healthy Living* videos and handouts available via the Illinois Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Commission website. Individuals are able to use it for self-learning, for a group class, and to train other trainers. Users should be able to adapt the learning package to different group and organizational needs. The learning package is available here: [http://stream.advocatehealth.com/flashFiles/13IMMC1784/player4.html](http://stream.advocatehealth.com/flashFiles/13IMMC1784/player4.html) A DVD that can be used in conjunction with the *Active Patient, Healthy Living* videos or can be viewed independently is available here: [http://www2.illinois.gov/idhhc/Pages/ASLVideos.aspx](http://www2.illinois.gov/idhhc/Pages/ASLVideos.aspx)


5. **Assessment questionnaire for evaluating healthcare institutional culture supporting access to health and mental health care for Deaf individuals.** Changing hospital/outpatient clinic culture assessment questionnaire: “Assessment Tools for Effective Communication and Accessibility when Treating Deaf Patients (for use in inpatient and outpatient settings).” Also, short survey for self-administration by front line staff.

6. **List of patient education resources in ASL.**

**Publications**


Presentations – (not available for distribution)


   a. “Developing a clinically sound, culturally sensitive depression management curriculum for a low health literacy population.” Poster session. Mental Health Section. Toby Perlman.


d. “Manage Depression? Can!” Film festival of the Public Health Education and Health Promotion Section.

“Integrating best practices into a culturally and linguistically sensitive depression management curriculum for a Deaf population.” Toby Perlman.


a. “Results from two linguistically and culturally appropriate health education interventions for Deaf adults.” Jennifer Orsi.


b. “Improving health literacy through health informatics and health information technology.” Toby Perlman


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