Key insights from patient organizations for developing effective plain language summaries of medical publications

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Patient organizations suggest how we can make plain language summaries of medical publications that are useful for patients

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WHY DID WE DO THIS STUDY?

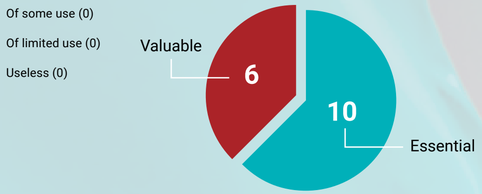
- Patient organizations play an important role in sharing information with patients about medical research and new treatments
- We wanted to learn how patient organizations feel about PLS

Definition of "Plain Language Summary of Medical Publications (PLS)"

A brief and complete summary of a published medical research report written in plain language so that a non-specialist audience can understand. Plain language writing aims to present information clearly and concisely in a way that a reader can understand quickly and easily. Plain language avoids jargon, wordiness, and complicated sentence structure.

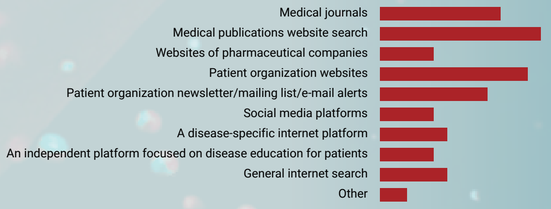
This poster was written in plain language

EASE OF ACCESS



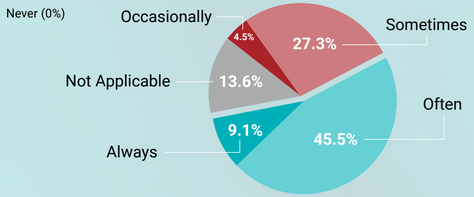
How useful do you think PLS are?

Where do you find PLS?

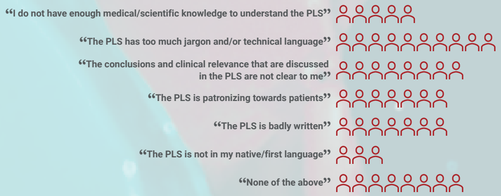


What is the best place to share PLS?

UNDERSTANDABILITY AND IMPORTANT FEATURES



How often do patients understand PLS?

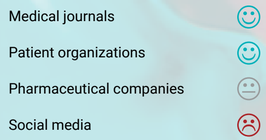


What makes PLS less useful?

What is important when making PLS?

MAKING PLS

Who should make PLS?



Which sources of PLS can be trusted?

What should be a priority when making PLS?

ONLINE SURVEY

- 22 people from patient organizations completed an online survey
- 17 people were from North America and 5 people were from Europe
- 16 people knew that PLS existed. These people answered all 39 questions. The others answered what they could

CONCLUSIONS

- Patient organizations find PLS very useful for patients
- Every medical publication should have a PLS
- Our study showed that PLS should be made by organizations that are independent, and that they need to be made available by sources that people trust, such as medical journals or patient organizations
- The results from our study can help people make PLS that are really useful for patients

THANK YOU

We thank everyone who helped us with this study, especially the people from the patient organizations who filled in the survey

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