

MODULE 3 - DEVELOPING HEALTH INFORMATION LITERACY

Terminal Objective #3: Learner will distinguish evidence-based health information when given opposing claims.

Enabling Objectives	Assessment	Absorb Activity	Do Activity	Connect Activity
Learners will apply the 7 rules for distinguishing between evidence based health information and bad journalism or shoddy science.	Multiple choice question quiz; performance-based research problem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Seven rules to determine if a health claim is based on a preponderance of evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Read Chapter 8 in Proteinaholic by Garth Davis, M.D.: <i>Research Truth and BS: How To Speak Science</i> •How nutrition science ‘facts’ are disseminated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Read article by John Bohannon “I Fooled Millions Into Thinking Chocolate Helps Weight Loss. Here’s How.” -Listen to NPR audio <p>OPTIONAL: Read about the difficulties in determining good diet/nutrition science in today’s research publication landscape</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -“Who’s Afraid of Peer Review?” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple choice question quiz • In groups, complete a performance-based problem: Investigate one health claim that has been contradicted in this class. Apply 7 rules to determine validity of claim. Group presentation. 	
Describe key influences that determine USDA dietary guidelines, medical and health information and prescription drugs use.	Check for understanding using true/false, pick-multiple problem-based quiz questions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Watch video clip: How did the USDA form to protect both food industry and human health? •Watch video clips: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Food Industry Funding Effect -Collaboration With the New Vectors of Disease •Read and consider the question: Is big food is the new tobacco? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Big Food: Sounds a Lot Like Big Tobacco -Meat is the New Tobacco: Exporting a Dangerous Habit <p>OPTIONAL:</p>	True/false, pick-multiple, problem-based quiz questions.	

		<p>1. Read about the drug and medical device companies influence on health policy and the information you doctor uses to treat you.-John Bohannon - Dose of Bias is Unhealthy</p> <p>2. Chapter 9 in Overdosed America: The Broken Promise of American Medicine, by John Abramson, M.D.: <i>The Smoking Gun: The 2001 Cholesterol Guidelines</i></p>	
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