The workshop is open to students, young researchers, post-docs and professors. To ensure an in-depth exchange, the number of participants will be limited. If you are interested in participating in the workshop, please register before December 1st, 2014. You can do so online at:

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Recent Developments in Health Literacy Research in Canada

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Health literacy is a relatively new concept in health-related research and practice in Canada. Some segments of society experience lower levels of health literacy— including recent immigrants, the Aboriginal population, older adults, persons with less than a high school level of education and who receive social assistance, as well as people with low English and French proficiency. There are also provincial, territorial and regional differences in health literacy levels related to opportunities to access services and acquiring skills across the nation, particularly in rural areas. Canada is a multicultural society. The exploration of health literacy within the scope of culture is particularly important. The presentation will provide a snapshot of the recent developments of health research and practice in Canada. Select case studies of health literacy in practice using special populations having unique needs will be shared as noteworthy examples to demonstrate ways that health literacy efforts have been integrated to address health concerns and to promote individual and social empowerment in provinces and territories. How some of these approaches can inform health literacy activities, programs, and policies by others working in a health literacy context will be explored.

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