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Biosketch

Barry D Weiss, MD is a tenured professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Arizona College of Medicine, and an affiliate professor of public health in the College of Health Sciences at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

He has been involved in the fields of health literacy and patient-physician communication for much of his professional career. His writings on these topics have been published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, and a variety of other medical journals and books.

Dr Weiss wrote the American Medical Association's *Health Literacy Manual for Physicians* and a chapter for the Association's recent health literacy textbook. He has served on health literacy advisory committees for the American College of Physicians, the American Medical Association Foundation, the National Cancer Institute, the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, and the Pfizer Health Literacy Initiative.

Dr Weiss was a consultant to the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Health Literacy and wrote a portion of the Institute's health literacy report. He is also the developer of the *Newest Vital Sign* health literacy screening instrument.

Dr Weiss is the editor of *Family Medicine*, national journal of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, and he is also editor of *FP Essentials*, the American Academy of Family Physicians' largest continuing medical education program. He is series editor of McGraw-Hill's *20 Common Problems* textbook series, which includes Dr Weiss's texts on *20 Common Problems in Primary Care* and *20 Common Surgical Problems and Procedures in Primary Care*.

Dr Weiss is the author of more than 130 journal articles and several book chapters, and has been the recipient of more than \$25 million in educational, research, and service grants and contracts. Dr Weiss is board certified in family medicine and holds a certificate of added qualification in geriatric medicine.