

Lisa Travis' Presentation Notes:

Lincoln Memorial University-Debusk College of Osteopathic Medicine

(LMU-DCOM) hosted Michael Wolf on campus to do presentations on health literacy to medical students, faculty, two local hospitals, and the community. We applied for a visiting professor award from Pfizer; the award does not appear to be offered any longer, but similar opportunities may be seen at <http://www.pfizerfellowships.com/Partnerships.aspx>.

Information on Michael Wolf may be found at

<http://www.sesp.northwestern.edu/profile/?p=867&/MichaelWolf/>,

<http://www.medicine.northwestern.edu/divisions/general-internal-medicine/research/michael-wolf-0>

and

<http://fsmweb.northwestern.edu/faculty/facultyProfile.cfm?xid=17121>.

Among other activities, he has been active in trying to improve prescription drug labeling. He has contributed to efforts to change the dosing times to be simplified to morning, noon, evening, and bedtime. California has changed its regulations to include these simplified times. See the 1707.5 section of the new regulations at http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/laws_regs/new_laws.pdf. California's examples of patient-centered prescription drug containers may be found at <http://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/licensing/labels.shtml>. One of our medical students participated in projects over the summer at Northwestern, and we hope that other activities and opportunities will continue to arise as a result of having Dr. Wolf come to campus.

There are several health literacy training classes available online.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's listing of free online courses -

<http://www.cdc.gov/healthliteracy/GetTraining.html>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) course - <http://www.hrsa.gov/publichealth/healthliteracy/index.html>