

Resources

Several organisations have developed guidance for writing plain English summaries:

[Access to understanding](#) – promoting understanding of **biomedical research** This guidance is for anyone who is planning to write about biomedical or health research for a non-specialist audience. It is particularly intended to help scientists who are used to writing for their peers to reach a wider audience including the general public.

Clinical and Translational Radiotherapy (CTRad) Research working group – [How to write a good lay summary](#). This was developed by consumer members of the group.

[‘How to Write a Lay Summary’](#). Duke, M. (2012). DCC How-to Guides. Edinburgh: Digital Curation. Information, guidelines and resources for writing lay summaries.

Peninsula Cerebra Research Unit for Childhood Disability Research (PenCRU) write their [plain language summaries](#) with parents of disabled children from their Family Faculty. The parents are involved in deciding the headline, content and style of the document.

[Plain English Campaign](#) Series of free guides that can be downloaded from their website including:

- How to write in plain English
- How to write medical information in plain English

Stroke Association – [How to write a lay summary](#)

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