

Essential Skills And Health



Reading Text

Numeracy

Document Use

Writing

Computer Use

Oral Communication

Thinking Skills

Working with Others

Continuous Learning

- Identifying important health information
- · Reading medicine bottle instructions
- Calculating medicine dosages
- · Determining serving sizes of food
- Determining body mass index (BMI)
- Filling out medical consent forms
- · Mixing infant formula
- Tracking symptoms over time
- · Recording appointments
- Using reliable websites to research health information
- Renewing prescriptions
- Explaining concerns and symptoms accurately to health professionals
- · Asking a pharmacist questions about medications
- Interpreting test results
- Evaluating health information for credibility and quality
- Making decisions about health
- Developing relationships with healthcare professionals
- Helping an ill family member manage his or her disease
- Keeping up-to-date with health information and new ways to manage wellness

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