NAVIGATING HEALTHCARE RESOURCES ONLINE: RESOURCE GUIDE

WEBSITE ADDRESSES AND EXTENSIONS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- **.Org** usually indicates the site of a nonprofit organization or advocacy group.
- **.Gov** indicates that the website is a government organization.
- **.Com** is the most common extension and stands for commercial.

CONNECTING TO WIRELESS INTERNET (WIFI) IN PUBLIC SPACES*

If using a laptop:
1. Look for the WiFi icon, usually at the top or bottom of the screen.
2. Click on the icon.
3. Choose the network you want to connect to.

If using a smartphone or tablet:
1. Go to the settings application on your device.
2. Select WiFi or the WiFi icon.
3. Choose the network you want to connect to.

*Do not use a public WiFi connection to access personal information, such as your bank account.

IMPORTANT SECURITY REMINDERS

- When creating passwords, use a unique combination of uppercase and lowercase letters and numbers.

- Be sure to use a different password for all of your accounts.

- Write down or store passwords in a safe place, such as a document stored somewhere on your computer—or even in a notebook or journal that is kept in a secure location.

- Avoid setting up an online profile if you are required to provide your Social Security number or other personal information.

KEY GLOSSARY TERMS

- **Browser (Web Browser):** An application that allows you to view web pages on your computer—a gateway to the Internet. Examples of browsers include Google Chrome, Internet Explorer and Safari, among others.

- **Profile:** An account that you set up to utilize a website's services. To set up a profile, you usually need an email address and a password to get started.

- **Website Address:** The characters used to direct a browser to a website, usually beginning in "www." For example, Patient Empowerment Network's website address is www.powerfulpatients.org.