Box 3. Presenting decision-making material to patients with low literacy and numeracy

An example using a Cate's plot,³⁶ a method of visualising data, from Wong et al's study of survival for elderly men with prostate cancer with and without active treatment.³⁷ Graphs are constructed using Cate's online tools, inserting the control group mortality rate, relative risk, confidence intervals and duration of trial.

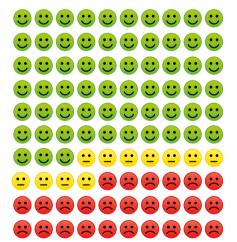
Control group risk



Good outcome

Bad outcome

Treatment group risk



Good outcome

Bad outcome

Better with treatment