



Enhancing Safety for Patients With Limited English Proficiency

Pretraining Behavior Survey

As part of our quality improvement activities, we are conducting a brief survey about the care we provide for patients with limited English proficiency (LEP). Please answer the questions below truthfully to the best of your abilities and return the survey to _____.
Your answers will be confidential. We appreciate your time and honesty.

S2. Are you an interpreter?

- ¹ Yes → Do not complete this questionnaire
² No

1. What languages do you speak very well?

a. English

- ¹ Yes
² No

b. Spanish

- ¹ Yes
² No

c. Other languages (list here) _____

2. About what percentage of your patients do not speak any of those languages very well?

_____ %

3. For those patients who do not speak of any of those languages very well, about what percentage of your encounters take place in the presence of a trained interpreter?

_____ %



4. What comments do you have about why you do or do not use interpreters to communicate with LEP patients whose language you do not speak very well?

The next questions focus on some things we will cover in the TeamSTEPPS training on LEP patient safety. We're just checking to see if you've used these tools before.

How many times in the past 2 months have you used the following tools with LEP patients?

5. Assertion or advocacy on behalf of an LEP patient (for example, to get an interpreter to the encounter or to make sure the doctor or nurse explained things more clearly)

- 1 Never
- 2 Once
- 3 Once to 5 times
- 4 More than 5 times

6. Expressing concern or discomfort about communication involving LEP patients when there is a patient safety issue

- 1 Never
- 2 Once
- 3 Once to 5 times
- 4 More than 5 times

7. Briefs that **include the interpreter** (a brief is a short meeting of the care team before seeing the patient where the team leader describes team roles, goals, plans, and risks)

- 1 Never
- 2 Once
- 3 Once to 5 times
- 4 More than 5 times

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8. Creating psychological safety, such as saying, “Please let me know if anything I say is not clear.” The interpreter can do this for the patient, and other members of the care team can do this for the interpreter.

- 1 Never
- 2 Once
- 3 Once to 5 times
- 4 More than 5 times

9. Check-back with the patient (repeating out loud what the patient said to check your understanding)

- 1 Never
- 2 Once
- 3 Once to 5 times
- 4 More than 5 times