

Interpreter Services Guide for Researchers

Scenario	Who can interpret?	Explanation
 Subject and <research personnel=""> speak and read the same language.</research> Consent is available in the subject's primary language. 	Interpreter not needed	Both individuals can speak and read the same language and the consent is available in that language; therefore, interpretation and sight translation are not necessary. Note: Obtain signatures on the IRB approved translated consent
		only.
 Subject and <research personnel=""> speak and read the same language.</research> Consent is NOT available in the subject's primary language. 	 Interpreter not needed <impartial witness=""> must be present.</impartial> 	Both individuals can speak and read the same language and the short-form consent is available in that language; therefore, interpretation and sight translation are not necessary.
Short-form consent will be used.	se present.	Note: If you would like the English consent to be sight translated to the subject, a QMI is required to be present in-person.
 Subject and <research personnel=""> do NOT speak the same language.</research> Consent is available in the subject's primary language. 	QMI or QBS	QMI or QBS can be used since they are qualified to interpret the conversation that will take place between <research personnel=""> and subject.</research>
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Short form consent will be used.		Note: If you would like the English consent to be sight translated to the subject, a QMI is required to be present in-person.
 Subject and <research personnel=""> do NOT speak the same language.</research> The study involves follow-up visits and questions to the subject. Subject does not need to complete any forms, such as questionnaires. 	• QMI or QBS	QMI or QBS can be used since they are qualified to interpret the conversation that will take place between <research personnel=""> and subject.</research>
Study requires English questionnaire to be completed by the subject at each study visit.	• QMI	Since the questionnaire is in English, it must be sight translated to the subject's language. This requires a QMI to present in-person.



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Definitions

Term	Definition	
Bilingual Staff	Members of AdventHealth Staff who speak other language(s) and converse with subjects in the same language. They may	
	communicate with the subject; however, they may not interpret for other staff.	
Qualified Bilingual Staff (QBS)	Interpret for another staff member or physician but <u>cannot</u> sight translate* a document.	
Qualified Medical Interpreters	Interpret in all modes of communication (oral, conversational, and sight translation*.) Includes sign language interpreter.	
(QMI)		
Impartial Witness	A person, who is independent of the trial, who cannot be unfairly influenced by people involved with the trial, who attends	
	the entire consent process and reads the consent document and any other written information supplied to the subject as	
	part of the consent process. This specifically excludes Research Personnel on the study.	
Interpretation	The act of listening to something in one language (source language) and orally transmitting it into another language (target	
	language) between two parties, one the LEP(s) and one English-speaking person(s).	
Translation	The replacement of a written text from one language (source language) into an equivalent written text in another language	
	(target language).	
Sight Translation*	When a form/document that is not in the subject's language is interpreted to the subject in their language. Must be	
	performed by a Qualified Medical Interpreter (QMI).	
Limited English Proficiency (LEP)	A person who does not speak English as their primary language and who has a limited ability to read, write, speak, or	
	understand English.	