

## Use of professional interpreters for patients with limited English proficiency undergoing surgery.

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Despite evidence showing use of [professional](#) interpreters reduces disparities in care, they are not always [utilized](#). This study investigated use of professional interpreters on patients with limited English proficiency (LEP) undergoing surgical procedures in one hospital. While 88% of patients utilized a professional interpreter at least once during their stay, only 3% used a professional interpreter at discharge. Given the complexity of post-surgical [instructions](#), the researchers emphasize hospital discharge is an important area to improve rates of interpreter usage.