Study Guide for
Certified Medical Interpreters

Chinese -- English
(Mandarin & Cantonese)

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INSTRUCTIONS:

It is essential that you follow the instructions below to ensure proper scoring. You may not get credit for your correct answer if you fail to follow these instructions.

Be sure that the answer you mark on your answer sheet corresponds with the number of the test question in the test booklet. Fill in all the space between the lines using a #2 pencil. Your answer marks should look like this:

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A B C D E
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MAKE DARK, CLEAR MARKS!

Mark only one answer for each question. If you change an answer, erase the old answer completely. If you don’t erase completely, the computer might read both of the answers you marked. When two answers for one question are marked, the answer will be scored as incorrect.
Written Test for Medical Interpreters: Sample Questions

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Test of Medical Terminologies

Directions:
For each item in this section, select among the 4 choices (A, B, C, D) the one that is the best target language equivalent of the English term for that item. Then, on your answer sheet, find the item number and completely blacken the box with the letter corresponding to your choice.

1. Nose
   A. 鼻子
   B. 鼻孔
   C. 鼻竇
   D. 喉嚨

2. Nurse
   A. 助理
   B. 醫師
   C. 護士
   D. 專家

3. Sweat
   A. 溼
   B. 粪
   C. 汗
   D. 甜

4. Sick
   A. 不寧的
   B. 生病的
   C. 不健康的
   D. 嘔吐的

5. Foot
   A. 腳踝
   B. 食物
   C. 腳
   D. 腳趾
6. Cold
   A. 嗜風
   B. 咳嗽
   C. 流感
   D. 打噴嚏

7. Shock
   A. 休克
   B. 停止
   C. 振動
   D. 暴力

8. Radiation
   A. 打坐
   B. 中毒
   C. 放射線
   D. 治療

9. Medicine
   A. 阿斯匹林
   B. 劑
   C. 草藥
   D. 藥

10. Appetite
    A. 外觀
    B. 食慾
    C. 節食
    D. 飢餓

11. Social worker
    A. 醫療人員
    B. 精神保健諮詢員
    C. 學校心理諮詢員
    D. 社工人員

12. Alcohol
    A. 酒精
    B. 麗酒
    C. 飲料
    D. 中毒

13. Weak
    A. 昏昏沈沈的
    B. 空虛的
    C. 生病的
    D. 衰弱的
14. **Pain**
   A. 割傷 C. 疤痕
   B. 疼痛 D. 壓抑

15. **Burn**
   A. 燒傷 C. 受傷
   B. 發疼 D. 傷口

16. **Acupuncture**
   A. 準確 C. 捲入
   B. 針灸 D. 針頭

17. **Digestant**
   A. 消化 C. 消化不良
   B. 消化劑 D. 藥物治療

18. **Nutrition**
   A. 健康 C. 營養
   B. 滋養 D. 超重

19. **Wheelchair**
   A. 殘障 C. 限制
   B. 不便 D. 輪椅

20. **Supplement**
   A. 津貼 C. 補充
   B. 物質 D. 供應
Test of Clinical/Medical Procedures

Directions:
In this section, choose one option from among the 4 choices (A, B, C, D) that best describes the clinical/medical term that is called for in that item. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the item and completely blacken the box with the letter corresponding to your choice.

21. Surgery
   A. The practice of cutting open a human body for the purpose of finding out the cause of death
   B. The practice of treating diseases, injuries, or deformities by manual operation or instrumental appliances
   C. The practice of treating diseases, injuries, or deformities by prescribing the appropriate medicine
   D. The practice of using manual operation or instrumental appliances by people with diseases, injuries, or deformities

22. Abortion
   A. The expulsion of a human fetus, usually within 12 months of pregnancy, before it is viable
   B. The inception of a human being, usually within 12 months of pregnancy, when it is viable
   C. The operation performed on a woman, usually upon her request, to prevent unwanted pregnancy
   D. The operation to deliver a baby, usually within a certain number of hours, when the mother has difficulty during labor

23. Local anesthetization
   A. Analysis of health care organizations operating in the neighborhood
   B. Application of a drug or agent by a doctor from the local community
   C. Elimination of pain by applying a drug or agent in the local hospital
   D. Elimination of pain from part of the body by applying a drug or agent
Test of Professional Code of Ethics

Directions:  
*For each item in this section, choose one option from A and B to indicate whether each statement is true or false. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the item and completely blacken the box with the letter corresponding to your choice.*

24. When it becomes clear that a patient has little medical knowledge, the interpreter does not need to interpret everything the doctor is trying to explain to the patient.

A. True  
B. False

25. Sometimes it is OK to be rude to a patient, but it is not OK to be rude to a doctor, a nurse, or other medical staff.

A. True  
B. False

26. Professionalism of medical interpreters includes an interpreter's courage of not accepting an assignment that proves to be beyond the interpreter's ability.

A. True  
B. False
Test of Writing Skills in the English Language

Directions:

For each of the questions in this section, choose one option from A, B, C, and D to best complete each sentence. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and completely blacken the box with the letter corresponding to your choice.

27. Although this is a fatal disease, ...

A. chance of survival can be easily detected as early as possible
B. early detection can greatly increase the chance of survival
C. early detection of chance of survival
D. greatly increase the chance of detection

28. ..., you should call your doctor right away.

A. As long as you are feeling that a sensation is aching your chest
B. By the time your sensation is feeling aching in the chest
C. Whenever you feel that you have an aching sensation in your chest
D. When you were feeling an aching sensation in your chest

29. Exercise should be undertaken ... to allow the body to prepare for the next level of activity.

A. freely
B. gradually
C. healthy
D. lengthy
**Test of Writing Skills in a Non-English Language**

**Directions:**

*For each of the questions in this section, choose one option from A, B, C, and D to best complete each sentence. Then, on your answer sheet, find the number of the question and completely blacken the box with the letter corresponding to your choice.*

30. ……生了第三個小孩之後，她的肝就開始出問題。

   A. 只要  
   B. 有時候  
   C. 自從  
   D. 每當

31. 您每個星期吃……？

   A. 有很多雞蛋  
   B. 幾個雞蛋  
   C. 什麼是雞蛋的數目  
   D. 當您喜歡雞蛋

32. 通常，……，需要先作喉嚨的細菌培養化驗。

   A. 在喉嚨痛將被治療之後  
   B. 喉嚨痛曾被治療過  
   C. 我們在另外一次曾治療了喉嚨痛  
   D. 在我們能夠治療喉嚨痛之前
Keys to Sample Questions

(Do not consult these keys until you have finished answering all the questions in the previous pages)

1. A 17. B
2. C 18. C
3. C 19. D
4. B 20. C
6. A 22. A
7. A 23. D
8. C 24. B
10. B 26. A
11. D 27. B
15. A 31. B
16. B 32. D
Sight Translation Exercise I

Directions:
You will be timed during the actual oral exam for this exercise. Therefore, if when you are translating you come to a word or phrase you don’t know or have just blanked out on, please give it in English and go on so that you don’t waste much of your time on those words or phrases. Now, please orally translate the following text into the target language you are testing for.

It is difficult for people, who become ill during cold and flu season, to know exactly what they have. And unless ill people get tested, there is no definitive diagnosis.

Generally, flu is a highly contagious infection of the lungs. Flu symptoms can be defined to be an acute onset of fever of 102 degrees or higher, combined with at least two other of the following symptoms: headache, chills, muscle pain, severe and protracted cough, acute nasal congestion and sore throat. In high risk patients, the flu can lead to bacterial pneumonia or other complications.

The flu is a disease with potentially severe consequences any year. Getting a flu shot one year does not preclude getting a shot the next. In other words, the flu vaccine gives a person protection only for that season. Therefore, for high risk patients, it is recommended that they get a flu shot every year before the flu season begins.
Sight Translation Exercise II

Directions:
You will be timed during the actual oral exam for this exercise. Therefore, if when you are translating you come to a word or phrase you don’t know or have just blanked out on, please give it in the same language as the source text and go on so that you don’t waste much of your time on those words or phrases. Now, please orally translate the following text into English.

從去年三月開始，我下腹的右邊就一直有點疼。最近，疼痛的情況好像愈來愈嚴重。有時候，我疼得無法站直或坐直。每當發疼的時候，我總是用冰塊來減輕疼痛。

前兩個星期當中，疼痛的部位開始擴散。有時移到背部下方，有時移到我右腿。現在，只要一開始疼，我就服用阿斯匹林減輕疼痛。但是阿斯匹林顯然不能解決問題。

我多半時候都不覺得餓。我的體重也減輕了些。昨天晚上，我疼得非常厲害，幾乎無法入睡。我在小便的時候有灼熱感。我也注意到我的小便顏色很深。我的小便裡好像有血，令我覺得很害怕。
Consecutive Interpretation Exercise

Directions:

Following is a consecutive interpretation exercise. The audio exercise contains a pre-recorded conversation between an English and a non-English speaking persons. While listening to the recording, you are to assume the role of an interpreter for both speakers. The recording has built-in pauses. The pauses are your time to interpret. There is a "beep" after each speaker. Once you hear the "beep", you may start interpreting.

You can take notes to help you recall what is being said. Allow yourself only two repeats (2 segments between pauses) during the entire exercise. If you miss anything after you have used up your two repeats, don't stop the recording. Instead, try to keep pace with the rest of the recording, and don't think about what you miss, concentrate on what is ahead.

Remember the basic ground rule, accuracy. Don't paraphrase, don't add anything, and don't leave anything out.

If you think the above instructions are clear to you up to this point, go on with the consecutive interpreting practice exercise by clicking the link of Audio Practice Samples under Medical Pre-test Study Packages for Certified Languages on the homepage, and then click on your language.

STOP! STOP! STOP! STOP! STOP! STOP! STOP!

DO NOT GO ON TO NEXT PAGE UNTIL YOU FINISH LISTENING TO THE CONSECUTIVE INTERPRETATION EXERCISE!!
Script of Consecutive Interpretation Exercise

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Doctor: Good morning! What is bothering you, Sir? 

Patient: 我咳嗽咳了兩個星期了，而且好像愈咳愈厲害。 

Doctor: Have you had other symptoms, such as fever or sore throat? 

Patient: 只是咳嗽。 

Doctor: OK! Let's check it out! ... Inhale, please! Cough, please! ... I don't see anything serious. ... Do you smoke? 

Patient: 抽。大概一天抽一包半的煙。 

Doctor: How long have you been smoking? 

Patient: 我看看…我想是從我十八歲開始抽的…所以大概有二十八年了。 

Doctor: I think your problem is mostly caused by too much smoking. I can give you some medicine to relieve the coughing. But since you are such a heavy smoker and you have been smoking for so long, I would strongly urge you to quit the habit. 

Patient: 我試了很多次，可是真不容易戒。不知道我到底能不能把煙戒掉。 

Doctor: Did you ever seek any help, or just tried to do it yourself? 

Patient: 我只是自己試著去戒。誰能幫助我戒煙呢？ 

Doctor: There are programs to help people quit smoking. I can recommend a couple of them. And you may choose whichever is suitable for you. 

Patient: 那太好了。我希望這次在得助的情況下能戒成。您能給我什麼推薦呢，大夫？
Doctor: Basically, there are two programs. One is a group program, the other is an individual program. The group program is made up of eight weekly sessions. These classes help you prepare for your quit date and teach you skills to overcome withdrawal symptoms. The individual program offers counseling from professional stop-smoking specialists. It works around your schedule. A specialist calls you five times throughout the year. In between scheduled telephone sessions, you can call the specialist for additional support.

Patient: 聽起來這些治療計畫好像不錯。每個計畫收費多少呢？如果我決定參加的話，該怎麼辦呢？

Doctor: Here is the phone number you can call. They will tell you about the fee schedule and how to enroll.

Patient: 非常感謝您的幫助，大夫！我會給他們打個電話，希望我能從他們的治療計畫裡獲得我所需要的協助。
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在傷風、流感流行的季節裡生病，很難知道到底得了什麼病。除非生病的人有接受檢查，否則無法作出確定的診斷。

一般而言，流行性感冒是具有高度傳染性的肺部感染。流行性感冒的症狀往往是突然發高燒，高到102度或102度以上，並且附帶著兩個以上的其他症狀：頭疼、發冷、肌肉痠疼、劇烈的和長時間的咳嗽、嚴重的鼻塞以及喉嚨痛等。對於體弱多病的人，流行性感冒可能會導致細菌感染性肺炎或其他的併發症。

在任何一年，流行性感冒都是能造成嚴重後果的疾病。某一年打了感冒預防針並不等於下一年就不需要打了。換句話說，流感疫苗只能在接受注射的那個季節裡為一個人提供保護。因此，體弱多病的人最好每年能在感冒流行的季節開始之前去打預防針。
Sight Translation Exercise II

Directions:
You will be timed during the actual oral exam for this exercise. Therefore, if when you are translating you come to a word or phrase you don’t know or have just blanked out on, please give it in the same language as the source text and go on so that you don’t waste much of your time on those words or phrases. Now, please orally translate the following text into English.

Beginning sometime in March last year, I have been experiencing some pain at the lower right side of my abdomen. Recently, the pain seems to be getting worse. Sometimes the pain is so severe that I am not able to stand or sit straight. Whenever it hurts, I would use some ice to ease the pain.

For the past two weeks, the pain is spreading. It sometimes moves to my lower back, and sometimes down my right leg. Now whenever it hurts, I would take some Aspirin to control the pain. But obviously, Aspirins cannot take care of the problem.

Most of the time, I don’t feel hungry. And I have lost some weight. Last night, the pain was so bad that I could hardly get any sleep. There was a burning sensation when I urinated. I also noticed that my urine was very dark in color. I got scared because there seemed to be some blood in my urine.
Script of Consecutive Interpretation Exercise

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Doctor: 早啊！先生，您有什麼毛病嗎？

Patient: I have been coughing for two weeks, and it seems the cough is getting worse.

Doctor: 您有沒有其他像發燒或喉嚨痛的症狀？

Patient: Just coughing.

Doctor: 好！讓我來看看！…請吸氣！請咳嗽！…我看不出有什麼嚴重的問題。…您抽煙嗎？

Patient: Yes. About one and a half packs a day.

Doctor: 您抽煙有多久了？

Patient: Let me see! ... Since I was 18, I think. ... So about 28 years.

Doctor: 我想您的毛病多半是抽煙過多所引起的。我可以給您一些減輕咳嗽的藥。但是因為您抽煙抽得這麼厲害，又抽了這麼久，我勸您把這個習慣戒了。

Patient: I have tried many times, but it is so hard. I wonder if I can do it at all.

Doctor: 您有沒有尋求過幫助，或者您只是自己試著去戒？

Patient: I just tried to do it myself. Who else can help me quit smoking?

Doctor: 有些治療計畫可以幫人戒煙。我可替您推薦兩個。您看看哪個適合您的需要。

Patient: That will be great. I hope I can succeed with some help. What would you recommend, Doctor?
基本上有兩種治療計畫。一種是小組治療計畫，另一種是個人治療計畫。小組治療計畫每星期一個療程，總共八個星期。這些療程幫助您為戒煙的日期作準備，並且教您克服脫癮徵狀的技巧。個人治療計畫是由專業的戒煙專家為您提供諮詢服務。這可以在您方便的時間內進行。這位專家在一年的期間內會給您打五次電話。在定期的電話諮詢之間，您可以打電話給這位專家，請求額外的協助。

They sound like good programs. How much does each program cost?

您可以撥這個電話號碼。他們會告訴您收費標準以及參加的辦法。

Thank you very much for your help, Doctor! I'll give them a call, and hopefully, I can get the help I need from their program.
LIST OF MEDICAL TERMINOLOGIES

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The Human Body
Abdomen
Ankle
Appendix
Arm
Artery
Artery wall
Back
Bladder
Blood vessels
Bone
Bone marrow
Bone socket
Bowel
Brain
Breast
Bronchus
Calf
Cartilage
Cecum
Cell
Cerebral cortex
Chest
Chromosome
Colon
Denture
Duodenum
Ear
Elbow
Extremity (Extremities)
Eye
Eyeball
Face
Fallopian tube
Fat
Filling (tooth)
Finger
Finger nails
Foot
Forehead
Gallbladder
Gene
Genitalia
Gland
Gums
Hand
Hair
Head
Heart
Heel
Hip
Intestine
Joint
Kidney
Knee
Larynx
Leg
Spleen
Ligament
Limb
Lip
Liver
Lung
Membrane
Mouth
Muscle
Nasal polyp
Neck
Nerve
Nose
Nostrils
Organ
Ovary
Palm
Pelvis
Platelets
Pulse
Rectum
Rib
Root-canal
Shoulder
Sinus
Skin
Sole
Spinal cord
Spine
Stomach
Tendon
Thigh
Throat
Thumb
Thyroid gland
Tissue
Toe
Tongue
Tonsils
Tooth
Tooth socket
Trachea
Trigeminal nerve
Umbilical cord
Uterus (Womb)
Vein
Vocal cord
Waist
Wrist

Circulatory system
Digestive system
Endocrine system
Hemopoietic system
Immune system
Muscular system
Nervous system
Reproductive system
Respiratory system
Skeletal system
Urinary system

**Bodily Fluids, etc.**

Specimen of ...

- Acid
- Bile
- Blood
- Feces
- Gas
- Menses
- Period
- Perspiration
- Pus
- Saliva
- Semen
- Sputum
- Sweat
- Tears
- Urine
- Vomit

**Symptoms, etc.**

- Abscess
- Acute
- Allergic
- Angina pectoris
- Asthma
- Anxious
- Arrhythmia
- Backache

**Systems of the Human Body**

Cardiovascular system
Balance/Equilibrium
Bleeding nose
Blister
Blood pressure (high/low)
Blurred vision
Boil
Breathing difficulty
Broken
Bruise
Burn
Chest pain
Chill
Cold
Cold sweat
Collapse
Constipated
Contagious
Contraction
Cough
Cramps
Cut
Cyanosis
Decay
Dehydration
Depressed
Diabetic
Diarrhea
Disturbance
Dizzy
Drowsy
Drug overdose
Earache
Edema (Dropsy)
Excretion
Faint
Fatigue/Tired
Fever
Gunshot wound
Hangover
Hay fever
Headache
Hear
Heart attack
Hurts
Impaired (Impairment)
Indigestion
Infection
Inflamed (Inflammation)
Injured (Injury)
Insect bite
Itch
Labor
Lump
Migraine
Nausea
Nauseous
Nervous
Nosebleed
Numb (Numbness)
Pain--
burning
constant
dull
on and off
sharp
throbbing
Pallor
Palpitations
Paralysed
Phlegm
Pleural rub
Pregnant
Premature (baby)
Rales (Crackles)
Rash
Rheumatism
Rhonchi (Wheezes)
Salivation
Sensation
Shiver
Shortness of breath
Sight
Sign
Smell
Sore
Sore throat
Spasm
Spell
Sputum
Stabbed
Stiff (joint, neck etc.)
Sting
Stomach ache
Stridor
Suffocation
Sunstroke
Swelling
Swollen
Symptom
Temperature
Tense
Tooth ache
Tranquilize
Tremor (body)
Unconscious
Upset stomach
Vomiting
Weak Spot
Weakness
Wound

Clinical/Medical Procedures, etc.

Abortion (Induced abortion)
Amniocentesis
Anesthetize
Angiography
Appendectomy
Auscultation
Autopsy
Biopsy
Birth control
Blood test
Blow
Bronchoscopy
Caesarean section abortion
Cardiography
Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
Castration
Checkup
Chest X-ray

Circumcision
Cosmetic surgery
CT scan of the chest
Diagnose (Diagnosis)
Dialysis
Dilation and curettage (D & C)
Duodenectomy
Ectopic pregnancy (Tubular pregnancy)
Electrocardiogram (ECG, EKG)
Emergency
Emergency room
Endotracheal intubation
Exhale
Face-lift operation
Gastrectomy
General anesthetization
Hold (your) breath
Hypnosis
Hypnotize
Hysterectomy
Immunization
Incision
Incubator
Inhale
Injection
Intensive care
I.V. (Intravenously)
I.V.T. (Intravenous transfusion)
Laparoscopy
Laryngoscopy
Local anesthetization
Lumbar puncture (Spinal tap)
Lung scan
Mammography
Mastectomy
MRI scan of the chest
Needle
Neurological examination
   Mental status and speech
   Cranial nerves
   The motor system
   The sensory system
   Reflexes
Neurosurgery
Optometry  
Oxygen  
Percussion  
Plastic surgery  
Prognosis  
Pulmonary angiography  
Pulmonary function tests  
Recovery room  
Saline abortion  
Skeletal traction  
Skin test  
Sterilization  
Syringe  
Take a deep breath  
Test tube  
Thoracentesis  
Tonsillectomy  
Tracheostomy  
Traction  
Transplantation  
Tubal ligation  
Tube  
Tuberculin tests  
Tympanoplasty  
Ultrasound (Ultrasonography)  
Vaccinate  
Vasectomy  

Diseases/Illnesses/Injuries/Physical Disorders, etc.  

Abrasion  
Acute (disease)  
Addiction  
Advanced stage  
AIDS  
Ailment  
Allergy  
Alzheimer’s disease  
Amnesia  
Anaemia  
Anaphylaxis  
Aneurysm  

Anthracosis  
Appendicitis  
Arthritis  
Arthropathy  
Asthma  
Astigmatism  
Atelectasis  
Athlete’s foot (Tinea pedis)  
Atherosclerosis  
Atrophy  
Bacilli (singular: bacillus)  
Bacterial infection  
Bite (dog, snake, insect etc.)  
Bleed  
BliSter  
Bone fracture  
Broke (break)  
Bronchogenic carcinoma  
Bruise  
Burn  
Calcium deficiency  
Cancer  
Cardiac edema  
Cataract  
Cecitis  
Cerebral concussion  
Cerebral hemorrhage  
Cerebral palsy  
Chicken pox  
Cholesterol  
Choke  
Chronic bronchitis  
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)  
Cirrhosis  
Clot/Clotting  
Colitis  
Color blindness  
Coma  
Communicable disease  
Congenital heart disease  
Congestion  
Conjunctivitis (Pink eye)  
Conscious
Contagious
Convulsions
Coronary artery disease
Croup
Cyst
Cystic fibrosis
Cystitis
Deaf
Deformity
Dehydration
Delirium
Dementia
Diabetes
Diarrhea
Die (dead, death)
Diphtheria
Dislocated (Dislocation)
Down’s syndrome
Duodenal ulcer
Dyslalia
Dyslexia
Dysphasia
Dysphobia
Ear infection
Emphysema
Epidemic
Epistaxis
Farsightedness/Hypermetropia
Food poisoning
Frostbite
Gallstone
Gastric bleeding
Gastric ulcer
Gastritis
Goiter
Gonorrhea
Gout
Gynopathy
Handicapped
Heart attack
Heart burn
Heart murmur
Heart exhaustion
Heat stroke
Hemorrhoid
Hepatitis
Herpes
Hurt
Hydrothorax
Hyperactivity
Hyperglycemia
Hypertension
Infected (Infection)
Infertility
Inflammation of ...
Influenza (Flu)
Internal bleeding
Ischemia
Jaundice
Laryngitis
Lead poisoning
Leukemia
Malnutrition
Measles
Melanoma
Menopause
Mental retardation
Metastasize (tumor, cancer)
Metastatic (tumor, cancer)
Multiple sclerosis (MS)
Mumps
Mute
Myocardial infarction
Nearsightedness/Myopia
Nephritis
Night blindness/Nyctalopia
Obesity
Obstruction
Occupation disease
Otitis (externa, interna, media)
Parasite
Parkinson
Paroxysmal
Periodontal disease
Pertussis
Pigment/Pigmentation (blood, bile, etc.)
Pleural effusion
Pleurisy (Pleuritis)
Pneumonia
Pneumoconiosis
Pneumothorax
Poison
Polyuria
Presbyopia
Pulmonary abscess
Pulmonary edema
Pulmonary embolism
Pulmonary infarction
Purulent
Rabies
Rheumatic heart disease
Rhinitis
Rupture (of follicle, spleen etc.)
Scab
Scabies
Scald
Scar
Schizophrenia
Scleroderma
Scoliosis
Seizure
Shock
Sickle-cell anemia
Silicosis
Sprained
Strep throat
Stress
Stroke
Sty
Syphilis
Systole/Diastole (atrial, ventricular)
Terminally (ill)
Tetanus (Lockjaw)
Thrombosis (blood clot)
Tonsillitis
Torn
Trauma
Traumatic brain injury
Tuberculosis (TB)
Tumor
Urethritis
Vaginitis
Venereal disease
Vertigo
Virus
Whooping cough
Withdrawal

Treatment, etc.

Acupuncture
Airway
Antihormonal therapy
Blood transfusion
Bandage/dressing
Bone marrow transplant
Brace
Bypass
Cast/Plaster
Chemotherapy
Chiropractic
Coin rubbing
Cure
Exercise
Exploratory surgery
First aid
Hearing aid
Implant
Injection
In-patient
Life support
Lumpectomy
Massage
Mastectomy
Medication
Meditation
Mouthwash
Naturopathy
Observation
Operation
Organ donor
Out-patient
Pacemaker (cardiac etc.)
Physical therapy
Prevent
Radiation
Reconstructive surgery
Rehabilitation
Rehydration
Restraints
Side effect
Splinting
Sterilize
Stitches
Surgery
Therapy
Tourniquet

**Prescription, etc.**

Adverse effects
Allopurinol
Analgesic
Anesthetic
Antibiotics
Anticoagulant
Antidepressant
Antihistamine
Antipruritic
Antiseptic
Aspirin
Bone
Cardian
Cardiazol
Cardiotoric
Chemicals
Contraceptives
Controlled drugs
Cough drops
Coumarin
Cyclizine
Dextrose/Glucose
Digestant
Diuretics
Dosage
Dose
Dramamine
Drug

Ear drops
Eye drops
Expectorant
External use (medicine)
Glyburide
Herbs
Hormone
Ibuprofen
Interactions (of drugs)
Iodine
Iron supplements
Laxative
Meclizine
Medicine
Mineral supplements
Nicotine patch
Nitroglycerin (Nitro)
Nose drops
Nose spray
Ointment
Over the counter (drugs)
Oxytocin
Pain killer
Penicillin
Phenformin
Prescription
Preventative
Side effects
Sleeping pills
Special effect
Specific
Suppositories
Tablets
Tea spoon
Throat drops
Throat lozenges
Tranquillizer
Tylenol
Vaccine
Vitamin supplements
Vitamins
Warfarin/Coumadin
Medical Professionals and Health Related Personnel

Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP)
Anesthesiologist
Anesthetist
Cardiologist
Certified Nurse Anesthetist
Certified Nurse Midwife
Chiropractor
Counselor
Dentist
Doctor
Endocrinologist
Family Doctor
Family Nurse Practitioner
Gastroenterologist
General Practitioner
Gynecologist
Internist
Licensed Practical Nurse
Mental Health Professional
Neurologist
Nurse
Obstetric Nurse
Obstetrician
Ophthalmologist
Optometrist
Orthopedist
Otorhinolaryngologist
Paramedic
Pediatrician
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
Physician's Assistant
Podiatrist
Primary Care Provider
Primary Physician
Psychiatrist
Psychologist
Pulmonologist
Radiologist
Resident
Rheumatologist

RN (Registered Nurse)
Social Worker
Surgeon

Miscellaneous --- Medical and Health Related Expressions, etc.

Accident
Air lift
Alcohol
Ambulance
Appetite
Articulation
Bacteria
Benign
Biologic(al) clock
Blood type
Cardiology
Catheter
Cholesterol
Chromosome
Circulation (blood)
Clinic
Contaminated
Contraceptive
Contract (a disease)
Coronary care unit
Cotton
Coverage (insurance)
Critical condition
Crutch(es)
Delivery room
Diet
Disinfectant
Embryo
Emergency room
Environment
Fast
Fetal
Fetus
Gauze
Genetic
Germ
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Language Interpreter and Translator
Code of Professional Conduct

1. **Accuracy**

Interpreters/translators shall always thoroughly and faithfully render the source language message, omitting or adding nothing, giving consideration to linguistic variations in both source and target languages, conserving the tone and spirit of the source language message.

2. **Cultural Sensitivity – Courtesy**

Interpreters/translators shall be culturally competent, sensitive, and respectful of the individual(s) they serve.

3. **Confidentiality**

Interpreters/translators shall not divulge any information obtained through their assignments, including but not limited to information gained through access to documents or other written material.

4. **Disclosure**

Interpreters/translators shall not publicly discuss, report, or offer an opinion concerning matters in which they are or have been engaged, even when that information is not privileged by law to be confidential.

5. **Proficiency**

Interpreters/translators shall meet the minimum proficiency standard set by DSHS by passing the required certification examination or screening evaluation.

6. **Compensation**

The fee schedule agreed to between the contracted language service providers and the department shall be the maximum compensation accepted. Interpreters/translators shall not accept additional money, compensation, or favor for services reimbursed by the department. Interpreters/translators shall not use for private or other’s gain or advantage, the department’s time, facilities, equipment, or supplies, nor shall they use or attempt to use their position to secure privileges or exemptions.

7. **Nondiscrimination**

Interpreters/translators shall always be neutral, impartial, and unbiased. Interpreters/translators shall not discriminate on the basis of gender, disability, race, color, national origin, age, socioeconomic or educational status, or religious or political beliefs.
8. **Self-evaluation**

Interpreters/translators shall accurately and completely represent their certifications, training, and experience.

9. **Impartiality - Conflict of Interest**

Interpreters/translators shall disclose any real or perceived conflict of interest which would affect their objectivity in the delivery of service. Providing interpreting or translation services for family members or friends may violate the individual’s right to confidentiality, or constitute a conflict of interest.

10. **Professional Demeanor**

Interpreters/translators shall be punctual, prepared, and dressed in a manner appropriate and not distracting for the situation.

11. **Scope of Practice**

Interpreters/translators shall not counsel, refer, give advice, or express personal opinions, to individual for whom they are interpreting/translating, or engage in any other activities which may be construed to constitute a service other than interpreting/translating. Interpreters/translators are prohibited to have unsupervised access to clients, including but not limited to phoning clients directly.

12. **Reporting Obstacles to Practice**

Interpreters/translators shall assess at all times their ability to interpret/translate. Should interpreters/translators have any reservations about their competency, they must immediately notify the parties and offer to withdraw without threat of retaliation. Interpreter/translator may remain until more appropriate interpreters/translators can be secured.

13. **Ethical Violations**

Interpreters/translators shall immediately withdraw from encounters they perceive as violations of this Code. Any violation of the Code of Professional Conduct may cause termination of the contract.

14. **Professional Development**

Interpreters/translators shall develop their skills and knowledge through professional training, continuing education, and interaction with colleagues and specialists in related fields.

**THIS CODE APPLIES TO ALL PERSONS PROVIDING LANGUAGE INTERPRETING OR TRANSLATION SERVICES AND MUST BE COMPLIED WITH AT ALL TIMES.**