

Executive Survey

We want to learn how to make communication within [SITE NAME] more patient-centered and effective. Your answers are confidential, so please share your honest experiences. Do not write your name on this survey.

1. Clinic climate

Thinking about the past six months, rate how much you disagree or agree with the statements.

Ser	ior leaders have:	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Sure	N/A
e1.	Taken steps to create a more welcoming environment for patients.					О	0
e2.	Taken steps to promote a more patient-centered environment.					О	0
e3.	Made effective communication with diverse populations a priority.					0	0
e4.	Worked to recruit employees that reflect the patient community.					0	0
e5.	Rewarded staff and departments that work to improve communication.					0	0
еб.	Committed resources to improving communication within the clinic.					О	0
e7.	Received reports describing the clinic's progress toward communication goals.					0	0

Clini	c supervisors have:	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Sure	N/A
e8.	Intervened if staff were not respectful toward patients.					0	О
e9.	Monitored whether staff communicate effectively with patients.					0	О
e10.	Provided useful feedback to staff on how to improve communication skills.					0	О
e11.	Asked for staff suggestions on how to improve communication within the clinic.					0	0
e12.	Used staff feedback to improve communication within the clinic.					0	О
e13.	Encouraged staff to get patients more involved in their health care decisions.					0	О
e14.	Encouraged staff to talk with patients about cultural and spiritual beliefs that might influence their health care.					0	0

Clin	ic staff members have:	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Sure	N/A
e15.	Shown that they care about communicating effectively with diverse populations.					0	0
e16.	Spoken openly with supervisors about any miscommunications.					О	0
e17.	Known whom to call if they have a problem or suggestion.					О	0
e18.	Communicated well with patients over the phone.					0	0
e19.	Communicated with one another respectfully.					0	0
e20.	Communicated with one another effectively to ensure high-quality care.					0	0
e21.	Needed more time to communicate well with patients.					О	0

2. Language services

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During the past six months, how often were the following statements true:	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	Not Sure	N/A
e22. Miscommunication among staff (such as between doctors and nurses) affected patient safety.						0	0
e23. Miscommunication between staff and patients affected patient safety.						О	О
e24. Patients who needed an interpreter were offered one.						0	0
e25. Patients were charged for using interpreters.						0	О
e26. The clinic tracked how long staff members waited for interpreters.						О	О
e27. It was easy for staff to arrange for an interpreter when needed.						0	О
e28. It was easy for staff to request translated documents.						0	О
e29. Staff members were encouraged to use trained medical interpreters to discuss informed consent with patients with limited English proficiency.						0	0

e30. About how long do you think staff members usually wait for an interpreter? _____ (minutes) O N/A

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If clinic staff needed to work with an interpreter during the past <i>six months</i> , how often do you think they worked with a:	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	Not Sure	N/A
e31. Bilingual staff member who is untrained in interpretation?						О	0
e32. Trained medical interpreter?						О	О
e33. Interpreter over the phone (telephonic interpreter)?						О	0
e34. Patient's adult friend or family?						0	0
e35. Patient's child (under age 18)?						0	0

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3. Data collection

Duri	ng the past six months, how often did relevant clinic staff:	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Always	Not Sure	N/A
e36.	Collect race and ethnicity information from patients?						О	0
e37.	Ask patients what language they prefer using, when the patients registered or scheduled appointments?						0	О
e38.	Ask patients if they need an interpreter, when the patients registered or scheduled appointments?						0	О
e39.	Have easy access to information on what language patients speak?						0	О
e40.	Have easy access to information on whether patients need an interpreter?						О	О
e41.	Ask patients if they would like help filling out clinic forms?						0	0
e42.	Notice that patients have difficulty filling out clinic forms?						О	О
e42.	If so, why? (You may check more than one.) □ (A) Too long □ (B) Words too difficult □ (C) Wrong languages □	(0) 0	ther				_(00)	

4. Clinic resources

Overall, how would you rate the:		Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	N/A
e43. Cultural appropriateness of the clinic's patient education materials?						0
e44. Understandability of the clinic's patient education materials?						О
e45. Signs and maps at the clinic?						О
e46. Clinic's informed consent forms?						О
e47. Availability of translated documents and forms at the clinic?						О
e48. Clinic's interpretation services?						0
e49. Clinic's level of involvement in the local community						О
e50. Clinic's efforts to help patients access community resources (e.g., assistance with medications, nutrition, insurance, legal aid)						0
e51. Clinic's use of the following assistive communication aids: hearing aids? Very Poor Poor Fair Good Image: Constraint of the following assistive communication aids: hearing aids? Very Poor Poor Fair Good Image: Constraint of the following assistive communication aids: eyeglasses? Very Poor Poor Fair Good Image: Constraint of the following assistive communication boards? Very Poor Poor Fair Good Image: Constraint of the following assistive communication boards?	Very Very Very	Good	1	NA		

Rate how much you DISAGREE or AGREE with the statements.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Aaree	N/A
e52. When patients are transferred to outside facilities, the clinic ensures that crucial patient information is forwarded to the appropriate parties.					0
e53. When responsibility for a patient is transferred from one group or individual to another within the clinic, crucial patient information is transferred to the appropriate parties.					О

5. Training

How many of your clinicians have received specific training on:	Few or None (0–25%)	Some (26–75%)	All or Most (76–100%)	Not Sure
e54. Communication policies at the clinic?				О
e55. The impact of miscommunication on patient safety?				О
e56. The importance of communicating with patients in plain language instead of using technical terms?				О
e57. Ways to check whether patients understand instructions (such as the teach-back or the "show me" methods)?				О
e58. Interacting with patients from diverse cultural and spiritual backgrounds?				О
e59. How to ask patients about their health care values and beliefs?				О
e60. How to ask patients about their racial/ethnic background in a sensitive way?				О
e61. How to discuss advance directives in culturally appropriate ways?				О
e62. Finding out when patients need an interpreter?				О
e63. How to work with interpreters effectively?				О

Rate	how much you disagree or agree with the statements.	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Sure	N/A
e64.	Training from the clinic has helped staff communicate better with patients.					0	0
e65.	Effective medical interpretation requires specialized training.					0	О
e66.	A patient's family member or friend can usually interpret as effectively as a trained medical interpreter.					0	0

6. Information about you

Demographic information is for research purposes only and will be kept confidential.

e67. Do you consider yourself to be: (You may check more than one.)

- (A) Hispanic or Latino/Latina (country of origin: _____)(AA)
- \square (B) American Indian or Alaska Native
- □ (c) Asian (country of origin: _____)(cc)
- $\Box \quad (D) \text{ Black or African-American}$
- □ (E) African (country of origin: _____)(EE)
- \Box (F) White
- \Box (G) Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- (0) Other: _____(00)

e68. Are you male or female?

- □ Male
- □ Female

e69. Is your background clinical?

- □ Yes
- □ No

e70. Do you have any comments about how to improve communication at the clinic?

Thank you for helping with this survey!

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