Communication Assistance for Patients

All interpretation services are provided free of charge.

Tell your doctor or nurse that you need an interpreter when discussing your care.

SPOKEN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS

- Medical Interpreters are available 24/7
  - Over-the-phone interpreters available in over 200 languages
  - Video Remote Interpreters available at designated locations throughout the hospitals
  - In-person interpreters available by staff request

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING ASSISTANCE

- American Sign Language Interpreters are available 24/7
  - Video Remote Interpreters available at designated locations throughout the hospitals
  - In-person interpreters available by staff request

TTY Phone/ Videophone/ Captioned Telephone

- If you are admitted and would like to use a TTY phone or videophone, ask your nurse or patient representative
- If the patient has a TTY
  - Contact The New York Relay Service at 1-800-421-1220
  - Staff member will give the operator the patient’s phone number
  - Operator will connect the call and type the message to the patient. The operator will then read back the patient’s response.
- If the patient has a Videophone
  - Call the telephone number that the patient has provided. You will automatically be connected to an interpreter via a Video Relay Service (VRS) company who will place and interpret the call.

If you require further assistance, please contact the Language Assistance Program at your site:

MSH: 212-659-8990  MSSL: 212-523-2187  MSBI: 212-844-8555

ALWAYS DOCUMENT THE INTERPRETER’S NAME AND NUMBER IN THE PATIENT’S CHART

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