

Facilitators and Barriers of Providing Informed Consent for Patients with Limited English Proficiency

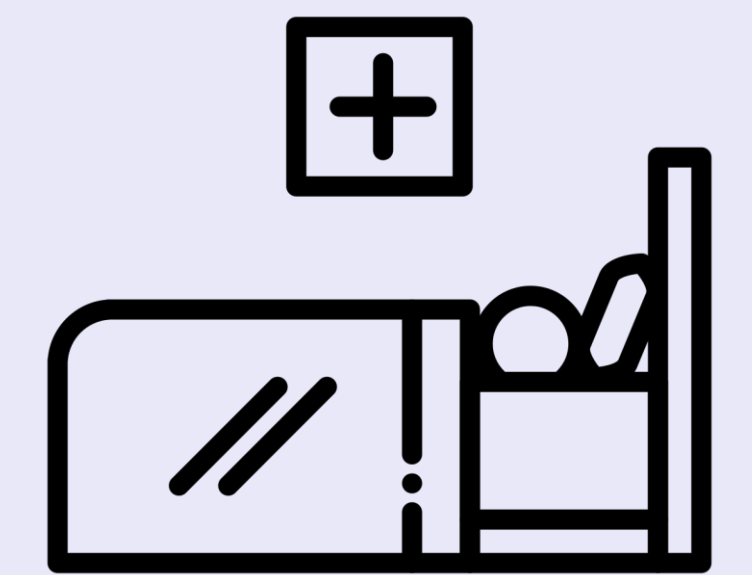
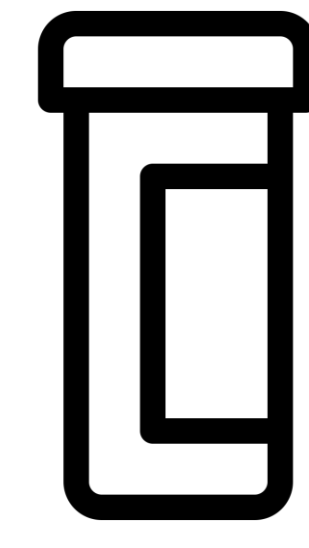


Language Barrier



Patient
comprehension

Increased
length of
hospitalization

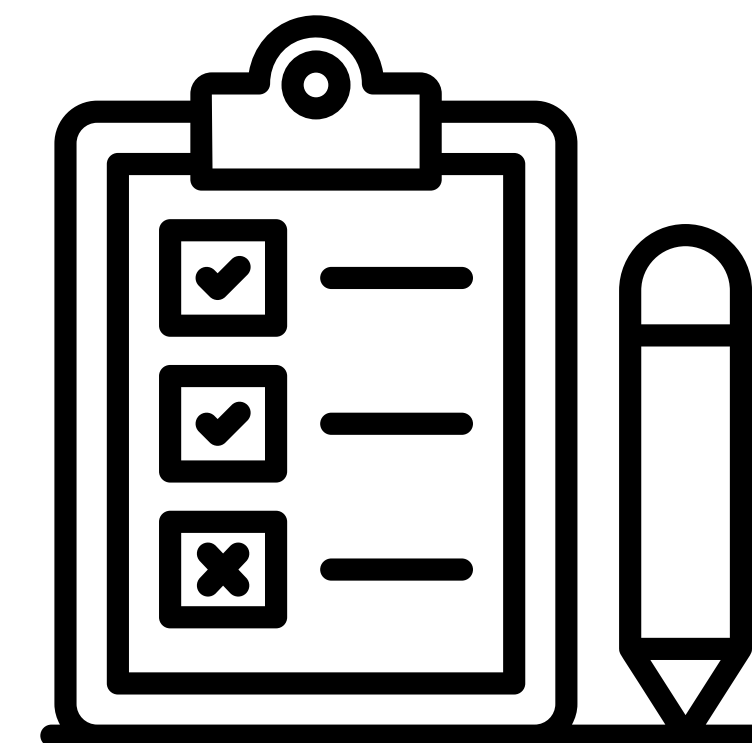


Disparities in
pain management
practices



U.S. fellowship
directors and COE
champions (n = 33)

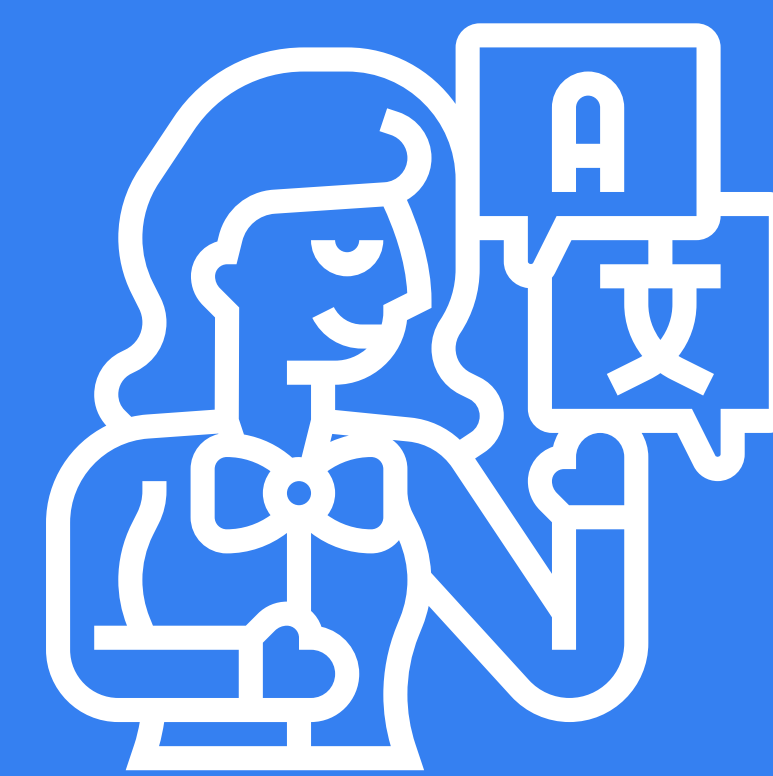
Sequential explanatory
mixed-method study



100% report access to
medical interpretation.

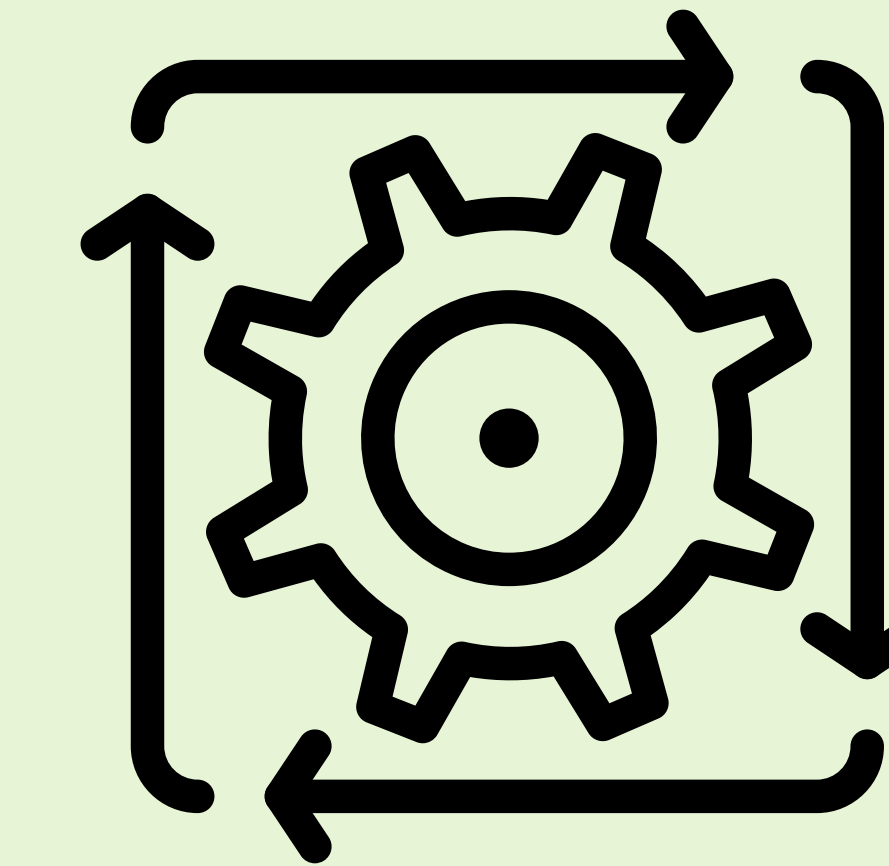
However...

70% - Less than
completely satisfied.

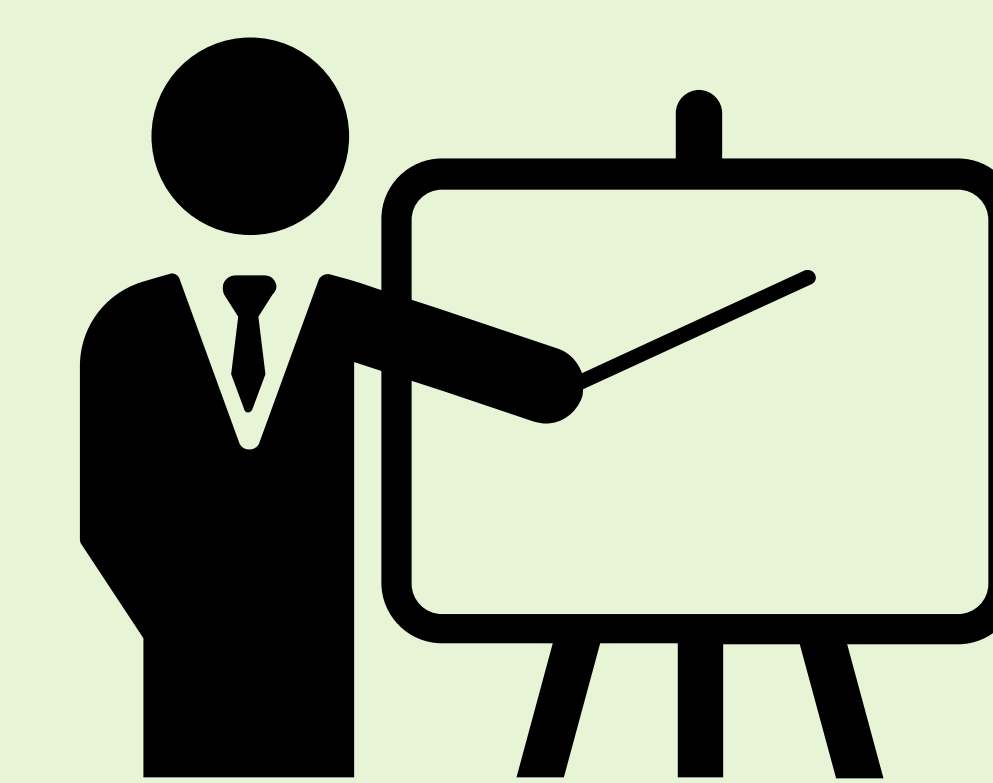


Always use interpreter:

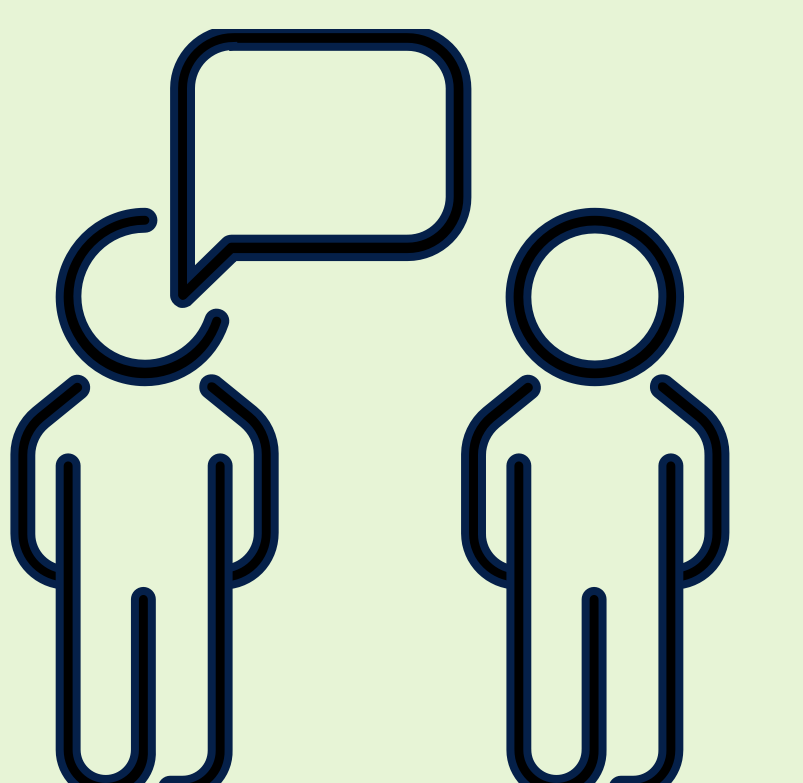
- Epidural – 58%
- C/S – 63%



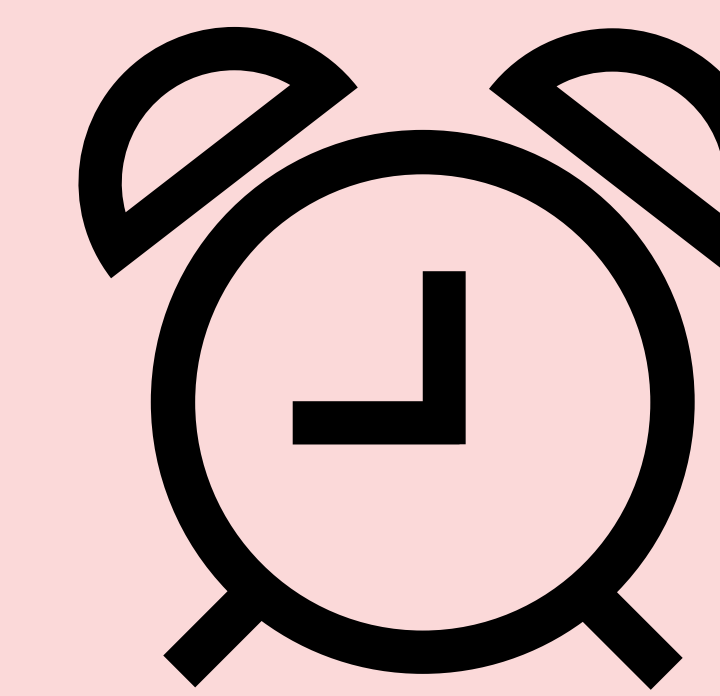
Interpretation
workflow



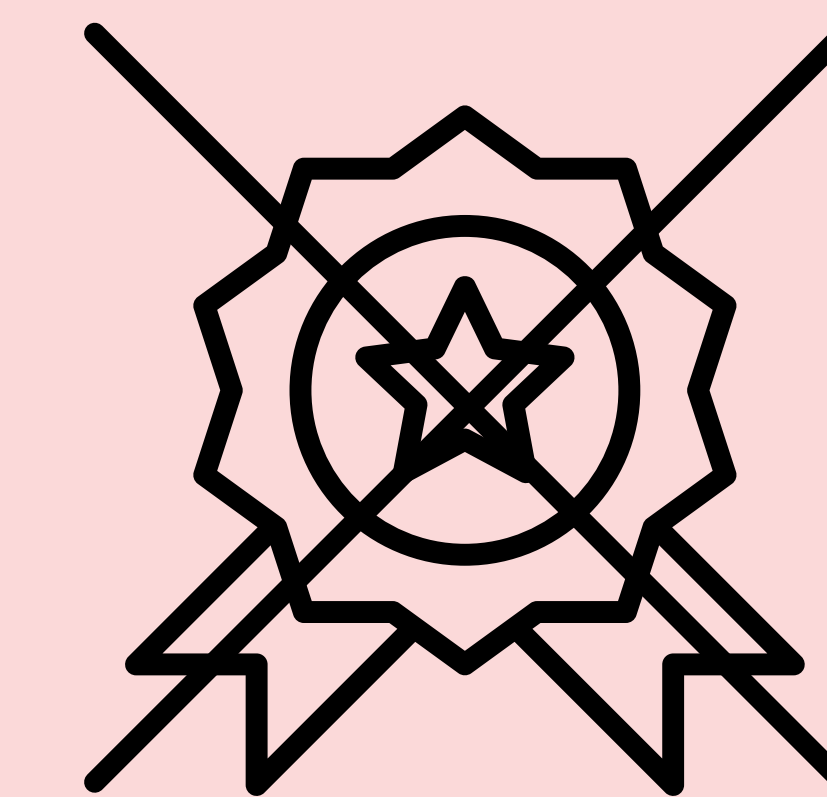
Formal
training



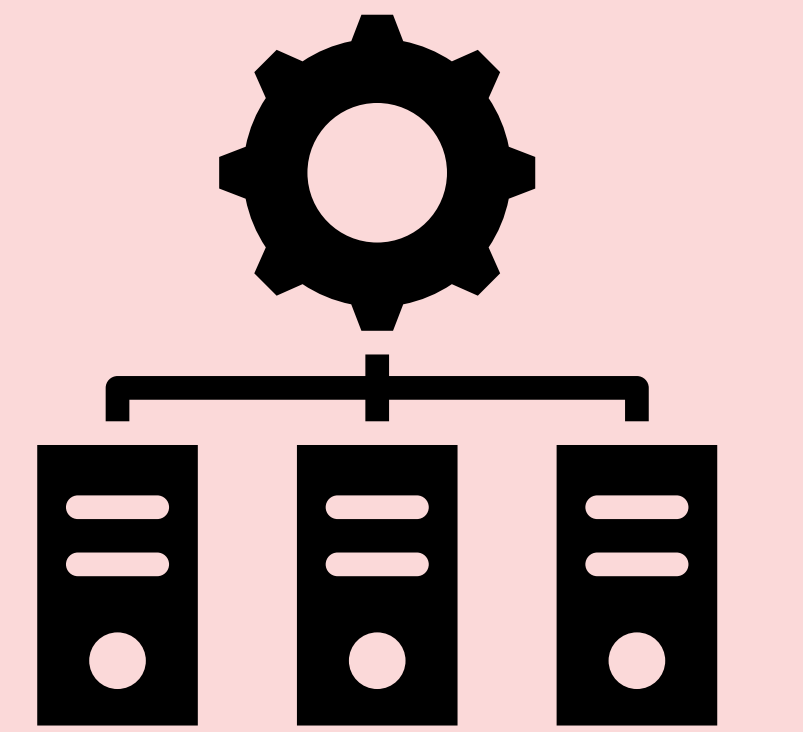
In-person
interpreter



Emergency/
time-limit



Poor quality/
no language



Infrastructure/
equipment

Conclusion: Professional interpretation improves patient satisfaction, quality of care, clinical outcomes and patient safety. Identifying and eliminating barriers to using professional interpretation can facilitate improved linguistically equitable care in obstetric anesthesia.



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