

# CHALLENGES



## **Interpreting Challenges vs. Challenging the Interpreter: From Interruptions to Rare Medical Terminology (For Spanish Speakers only)**

**w/ Alvaro Vergara – Mery, PHD, CMI**

### **Program:**

10:30 AM to 1:30 PM EST  
Saturday, January 21, 2023

Registration closes:  
Wednesday, January 18, 2023

**Regular Fee:** \$35

**CE/CEU Fee:** \$45

(includes certificate of  
attendance)

Applications have been  
submitted to CCHI and IMIA for  
CE/CEU credits

**Prerequisite:** Previous training  
in Medical Interpreting,  
minimum 40 hours



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**Description:** This workshop targets Spanish medical interpreters at all levels. The job of the medical interpreter offers multiple challenges. The interpreter is constantly adapting to and facing those challenges head on without warning. From maintaining register to finding the appropriate meaning, to understanding the cultural implications behind words, the interpreter is constantly striving for accuracy to render the best possible interpretation despite those multiple challenges.

This workshop presents actual case studies and will allow participants to be part of those challenges via live scenarios (Spanish <> English) and discussion of the possible options to have a successful outcome and maintain the clinical importance of the session. Scenarios presented will vary depending on time allotted.

### **OBJECTIVES:**

1. Identify multiple challenges in an interpreting encounter that impacts accuracy and overall performance
2. Discuss case studies and live scenarios presented by the presenter
3. Utilize possible options to have a successful outcome and maintain the clinical importance of the session.

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by calling: 413-842-5160**

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### **Registration:**

Berkshire AHEC provides on-line registration for its continuing education programs. Payment can be made with all major credit cards. If you are unable to register electronically, please contact [skirby@berkshireahec.org](mailto:skirby@berkshireahec.org) so we can assist you in registering. Please visit [www.berkshireahec.org](http://www.berkshireahec.org) to register for this and all upcoming programs.

### **Certificates & Completion Requirements:**

**ONLINE-LIVESTREAMING:** Participants are expected to log in, attend the entire program, and complete/submit an evaluation. (Instructions will be provided) Upon receipt of the evaluation, certificates will be mailed within two weeks after the program to the address provided upon registration.

### **Refunds:**

Berkshire AHEC does not provide refunds after 10 full calendar days prior to the date of the program. If an individual requests a refund after that due to illness a partial credit towards a conference occurring in the same fiscal year may be issued if Berkshire AHEC is notified before the close of business the day prior to the conference. Credits for cancellation due to illness will only be issued once per fiscal year per learner.

### **Special Requests:**

If you are hearing impaired or are a person who is differently abled who requires accommodations, please contact Berkshire AHEC 15 days prior to the training.

### **Information:**

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please use email or call our office at 413-842-5160 for registration support requests.**

