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Abstract

Health communication researchers agree that language concordant (LC) health care encounters significantly impact health care quality, health outcomes and health care relationship for language minority populations in the United States. While the health protective benefits of LC care have been well documented, relatively few studies have sought to describe the discourse characteristics of LC encounters. These studies point to significant differences between LC encounters with an L2 Spanish-speaking provider and with an HL Spanish-speaking provider. In this presentation, I will present the results of a study that compares LC interactions between L2 and HL providers, point out the discourse features of these interactions and demonstrate the impact of these interactions on health and behavioral outcomes of Spanish-speaking patients. Finally, I will consider the implications of this research for the teaching and testing of Spanish heritage language health professionals in the United States.

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