

LANGUAGE MATTERS – INTEGRATING COMMUNITY VOICES TO VALIDATE THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH QUICK LANGUAGE GUIDE

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Inclusive, Respectful Language

Improved Health

Patient Trust

Assess Community Perspectives of Language Guide

Recruit 20 U of U CHWs

Conduct Focus Groups

Thematic Analysis

Identify Themes and Sub-Themes





SUGGESTIONS FOR QI PURPOSES

- 1. Replace the term "minorities" with "diverse communities" to encompass all groups, including those who are not people of color.
- 2. Include language and representation for the refugee community.
- 3. Add guidance on appropriate language for discussing suicide in healthcare settings.



DIFFERENCES/TENSIONS BETWEEN ACADEMIA & THE COMMUNITY

Terms used by academics confusing to community members

- "I was just thinking about the term intersex, I don't know if that's a too technical of a term"
- "Maybe not using the MSM on the guide because people don't know what that means"

Terms considered stigmatizing by academia but preferred by community

- "I think for the native population we refer to our older generations as elderly"
- "[The]community has asked us to refer to them as unsheltered, not homeless. They have asked for that themselves"

Medical information considered offensive/ controversial



"obesity has been very stigmatizing for people who are overweight, especially in the Pacific Islander community"

"pregnant patient, it makes it feel like that's a health condition"

Thank You

