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# Foreword

I know of no other book that is as immediately useful for taking care of pediatric patients from Spanish-speaking families as this one. The authors previously developed and published a medical Spanish pocket manual that has allowed nonSpanish-speaking physicians to communicate with exclusively Spanish speaking-patients. Now these physicians have added this text designed for use with pediatric patients. Drs. Nasr and Cordero have taught our pediatric residents Spanish. Many are able to communicate effectively with Spanish speaking-patients after only a few sessions. This text has thus been used extensively in our pediatric emergency department for over a year.

*Medical Spanish in Pediatrics: An Instant Translator* has been designed for practical use. From clear explanations of pronunciation, through anatomical terms, to chapters organized by presenting complaint, the authors have kept in mind busy physicians trying to communicate with their patients and caregivers. They start with such common-sense phrases as "Is there someone with you who speaks English?" and "Please speak slowly." They continue to the common questions one would ask for each of the most common presenting complaints.

Each chapter includes practical instructions for performing the physical examination, such as "Breathe deeply" as well as phrases designed to describe the likely work-up.

Common discharge instructions are included for each complaint. Without prior knowledge of Spanish, the physician using this text will be able to instruct parents on how to give medicine, what follow-up is needed, and what the indications are for a return visit. The questions and phrases in each chapter were designed through the authors' own experiences of taking care of children with input from practicing pediatricians and pediatric emergency medicine physicians. Each question is presented in English and Spanish with the Spanish pronunciation shown.

This is truly a rare English-Spanish manual. There is no

need to look up individual words or to have prior knowledge of Spanish to use it. Designed by practicing emergency medicine physicians, this book is practical. As a severely language-impaired physician, even I am able to work independently with most Spanish speaking–families. It belongs in the pocket or library of every physician who treats Spanish speaking–pediatric patients.

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# Preface

Caring for the ill child poses many challenges even for the most experienced physician. Delivery of care may be compromised owing to language barriers between health care workers and guardians of the child. With the increasing numbers of non-English-speaking Latinos living in the United States today, it becomes essential that health care providers familiarize themselves with certain sentences and phrases in Spanish in order to improve dialogue with patients and their families.

The purpose of *Medical Spanish in Pediatrics: An Instant Translator* is to facilitate communication between healthcare workers and their patients who speak only Spanish. The book is divided into several chapters based on presenting pediatric complaints, such as fever, vomiting, and abdominal pain, among others. Each chapter consists of a series of questions pertaining to the complaint. Most questions require a simple Yes or No answer from the patients, parents, or caregivers. Each question or phrase has the exact Spanish translation next to it—with common terms and phrases that are needed during the physical examination and for explaining diagnoses, work-up plans, and dispositions. Discharge instructions specific to each complaint are also included.

Minimal or no knowledge of the Spanish language is necessary for the healthcare professional to utilize this text successfully. Physicians, nurses, medical students, paramedics, physician assistants, and medical technicians will find the manual ideal for use in their practices, emergency departments, out-patient clinics, and hospital units. Although it may be used to obtain pertinent information from Spanish speaking—persons, *Medical Spanish in Pediatrics: An Instant Translator* should not be considered a substitute for the skill and experience of a bilingual health care professional.

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# Introduction

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# Anatomy

Abdomen	El abdomen Ehl ab-doh-mehn	Buttock Calf	La nalga La nahl-gah
Ankle	El tobillo Ehl toh-bee-yoh	Cervix	La pantorilla Lah pahn-toh-reeyah
Anus	El ano Ehl ah-noh	Cheek	El cuello uterino
Appendix	El apéndice Ehl ah-pehn-dee-seh	Chest	Ehl kweh-yoh oo-teh-ree-noh
Arm	El brazo Ehl brah-soh	Chin	La mejilla Lah meh-hee-yah
Artery	La arteria Lah ahr-teh-ree-ah	Clavicle	El pecho Ehl peh-choh
Axilla	La axila Lah ag-see-lah	Ear	El mentón Ehl mehn-tohn
Back	La espalda Lah ehs-pahl-dah	Elbow	La clavícula Lah klah-vee-koo-lah
Bladder	La vejiga Lah beh-hee-gah	Eye	El oído / La oreja Ehl oh-ee-doh / Lah oh-reh-ha
Body	El cuerpo Ehl kwehr-poh	Eye	El codo Ehl koh-doh
Bone	El hueso Ehl weh-soh	Eye	El ojo Ehl oh-hoh
Brain	El cerebro Ehl seh-reh-broh	Eyebrow	La ceja Lah seh-hah
Breasts	Los senos Lohs seh-nohs	Eyelash	La pestaña Lah pehs-tah-nyah

Eyelid	El párpado Ehl <b>pahr-pah-</b> doh	Head	La cabeza Lah kah- <b>beh-</b> sah
Face	La cara Lah <b>kah-rah</b>	Heart	El corazón Ehl koh-rah- <b>sohn</b>
Finger	El dedo Ehl <b>deh-doh</b>	Heel	El talón Ehl tah- <b>lohn</b>
Fingernail	La uña Lah <b>oo-nyah</b>	Hip	La cadera Lah kah- <b>deh-</b> rah
Foot	El pie Ehl pee-eh	Intestines	Los intestinos Lohs <b>een-</b> tehs- <b>tee-</b> nohs
Fontanelle	La mollera / La fontanela Lah moh- <b>yeh-</b> rah / lah fohn- tah- <b>neh-lah</b>	Joint	La articula- ción Lah ahr-tee- koo-lah- <b>see-</b> <b>ohn</b>
Forearm	El antebrazo Ehl ahn-teh- <b>brah-soh</b>	Kidney	El riñón Ehl ree- <b>nyohn</b>
Forehead	La frente Lah <b>frehn-teh</b>	Knee	La rodilla Lah roh- <b>dee-</b> yah
Foreskin	El prepucio Ehl preh- <b>poo-</b> see-oh	Knuckle	El nudillo Ehl noo- <b>dee-</b> yoh
Gallbladder	La vesícula biliar Lah beh- <b>see-</b> koo-lah bee- lee- <b>ahr</b>	Larynx	La laringe Lah lah- <b>reen-</b> heh
Gingiva / gums	Las encías Lahs ehn- <b>see-ahs</b>	Leg	La pierna Lah <b>pee-ehr-</b> nah
Groin	La ingle Lah <b>een-gleh</b>	Lips	Los labios Lohs <b>lah-bee-</b> ohs
Hair	El pelo / El cabello Ehl <b>peh-loh</b> / Ehl kah- <b>beh-</b> yoh	Liver	El hígado Ehl <b>ee-gah-</b> doh
Hand	La mano Lah <b>mah-noh</b>		

Lung	El pulmón Ehl pool- <b>mohn</b>	Prostate	La próstata Lah <b>prohs-</b> tah-tah
Lymph node	El ganglio linfático Ehl gahn- glee-oh leen- <b>fah-tee-koh</b>	Pupil	La pupila Lah poo- <b>pee-</b> lah
Mandible	La mandíbula Lah mahn- <b>dee-boo-lah</b>	Rectum	El recto Ehl <b>reg-</b> toh
Mouth	La boca Lah <b>boh-</b> kah	Rib	La costilla Lah kohs- <b>tee-</b> yah
Muscle	El músculo Ehl <b>moos-</b> koo-loh	Scalp	El cuero ca- belludo Ehl <b>kweh-</b> roh kah-beh- <b>yuh-</b> doh
Navel	El ombligo Ehl ohm- <b>blee-</b> goh	Scapula	La escápula Lah ehs- <b>kah-</b> poo-lah
Neck	El cuello Ehl <b>kweh-</b> yoh	Scrotum	El escroto Ehl ehs- <b>kroh-</b> toh
Nerve	El nervio Ehl <b>nehr-</b> bee- oh	Shoulder	El hombro Ehl <b>ohm-</b> broh
Nipple	El pezón Ehl peh- <b>sohn</b>	Skin	La piel Lah pee-ehl
Nose	La nariz Lah nah- <b>rees</b>	Skull	El cráneo Ehl <b>krah-</b> neh- oh
Ovary	El ovario Ehl oh- <b>bah-</b> ree-oh	Spine	El espinazo Ehl ehs-peeh- <b>nah-</b> soh
Pancreas	El páncreas Ehl <b>pahn-</b> kreh-ahs	Spleen	El bazo Ehl <b>bah-</b> soh
Pelvis	La pelvis Lah <b>pehl-</b> bees	Sternum	El esternón Ehl ehs-tehr- <b>nohn</b>
Penis	El pene Ehl <b>peh-</b> neh	Stomach	El estómago Ehl ehs- <b>toh-</b> mah-goh