



OHSU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## The Importance of Being Bilingual and Bicultural

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The School of Medicine is proud to host a panel discussion with Hispanic leaders who want to bring awareness on the importance of speaking more than one language as providers, administrators, researchers and students in an academic medical center.

Panelist will speak to the importance of speaking more than one language and the importance of facilitating language concordance of patients and families in delivery of services. Language and level of literacy is also important in research and outreach services to increase access to care, service, and clinical trials.

Language-concordant care also serves as a window into understanding the broader social determinants of health that disproportionately yield worse health outcomes among patients with limited English proficiency.

In the U.S., the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 created Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) and Health Communities (AHCs) to respond to the burgeoning evidence that addressing health-related social needs through enhanced clinical encounters and clinical-community liaisons can improve health outcomes and reduce costs.

Through culturally humble and linguistically appropriate communication, providers and researchers can be positioned to discuss sensitive topics and ask about barriers that impede their patients' health and well-being. The model of cultural humility will be featured.

We encourage you to submit questions by Oct. 7 to [somdiversity@ohsu.edu](mailto:somdiversity@ohsu.edu). Session will be recorded.

### Virtual panel discussion

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**Wednesday, Oct. 12  
12 - 1 p.m.**

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