

# Language, Informed Consent, and Inclusivity in Medical Research and Practice

The UCL Centre for Applied Linguistics at UCL Institute of Education invites you to join us at the July webinar of the International Consortium for Communication in Healthcare (IC4CH) on **'Language, Informed Consent, and Inclusivity in Medical Research and Practice'**

**Date: 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021, 12pm UK** (7pm Hong Kong / 9pm Canberra / 7am New York City)

It is well-established that certain groups – for example poorer, immigrant, indigenous, and ethnic minority communities – in the population are under-recruited in clinical trials and their health needs underrepresented in medical research and practice. This has been particularly highlighted over the last two pandemic years. The reasons for this inequality are complex and systemic, but one element is the linguistic and cultural competence of patients and clinicians: from the demands of explaining and understanding complex information, to how (perceived) language ability is used to in/exclude. These problems are particularly salient in multicultural societies around the world, such as Hong Kong, Australia and the UK.

In this webinar, experts from Hong Kong, Australia and the UK will discuss some of the linguistic issues around inclusion and informed consent in medical research and practice and how these manifest in specific examples from Hong Kong, Australia and the UK. We will touch on

- the language demands of informed consent documents in medical trials
- informed consent-in-interaction in multicultural genetic counselling consultations involving minors
- the translation of informed consent documents into multiple languages
- the impact of the 'must speak English' criterion on recruitment to medical trials
- the inadvertent exclusion of target groups from medical research

The panel discussion will be followed by discussions with our audience where we hope to gain further insights into related concerns and possible solutions from around the world.

**To register please go to:** <https://bit.ly/3g3EKaL>

An attendance link will be sent to all registered participants a few days before the webinar. Automatic captions will be available.

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