

Supplemental material

Supplementary table 1: Proportion of participants reporting education/training in interpreter use, by country and profession.

Characteristic	n (%)
Education/training in using interpreters in all Nordic countries (n=451)	
Yes	86 (19)
No	365 (81)
Distribution by each country*	
Denmark (n=73)	8 (11)
Finland (n=92)	18 (20)
Iceland (n=21)	3 (14)
Norway (n=69)	23 (33)
Sweden (n=196)	34 (17)
Distribution by profession in all Nordic countries* (n=451)	
Registered nurse (n=360)	61 (17)
Medical doctor (n=91)	25 (28)

Note. Percentages are based on available responses for each variable; totals and the number of respondents may vary due to missing data.

*Percentages are calculated within each country/profession denominator shown in parentheses.

Supplementary table 2: Answers to the question about how often the respondent use one of the following ways to ensure that the patient has understood the information that was given via the interpreter.

	Never n (%)	Seldom n (%)	Sometimes n (%)	Often n (%)
Ask the patients/families (via the interpreter) if they have understood * (n=442)	8 (2)	33 (8)	173 (39)	228 (52)
Ask the patients/families to tell me by themselves (via the interpreter) what they have understood (n=444)	32 (7)	123 (28)	204 (46)	85 (19)

Note. Percentages are based on available responses for each variable; totals and the number of respondents may vary due to missing data.

* Minor discrepancies in percentage totals are due to rounding.