

# Improving Quality of Care through Medical Spanish Education

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## Problem

Many Spanish-Speaking patients do not receive the same quality of care due to a lack of Spanish language resources and educational opportunities in the community.

## Opportunity

Brody medical students with Spanish-speaking skills are seeking additional training in Medical Spanish terminology and a space to practice and refine language skills.



## Proposed Solution:

### Medical Spanish Interest Group

We are starting an interest group this upcoming Fall 2021 for students to practice medical terminology and communication skills in Spanish.

#### Proposed Events:

- Spanish Social
- Organ system-based scenarios
- Education on interpreter use
- Volunteer opportunities for students to provide health promotion and education in the community

## Long Term Curriculum Goal

To develop a curriculum-based opportunity for students to learn Medical Spanish.

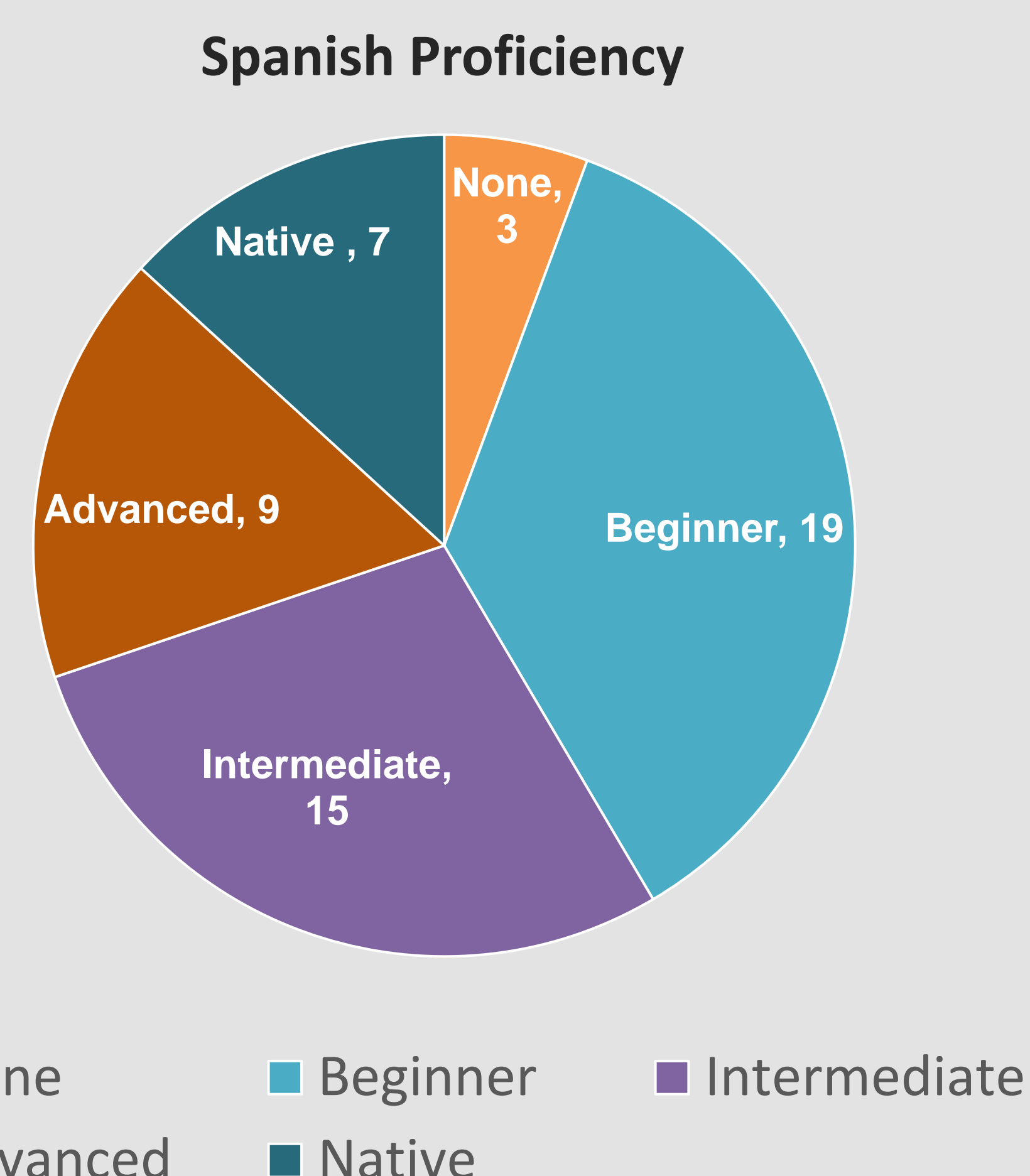
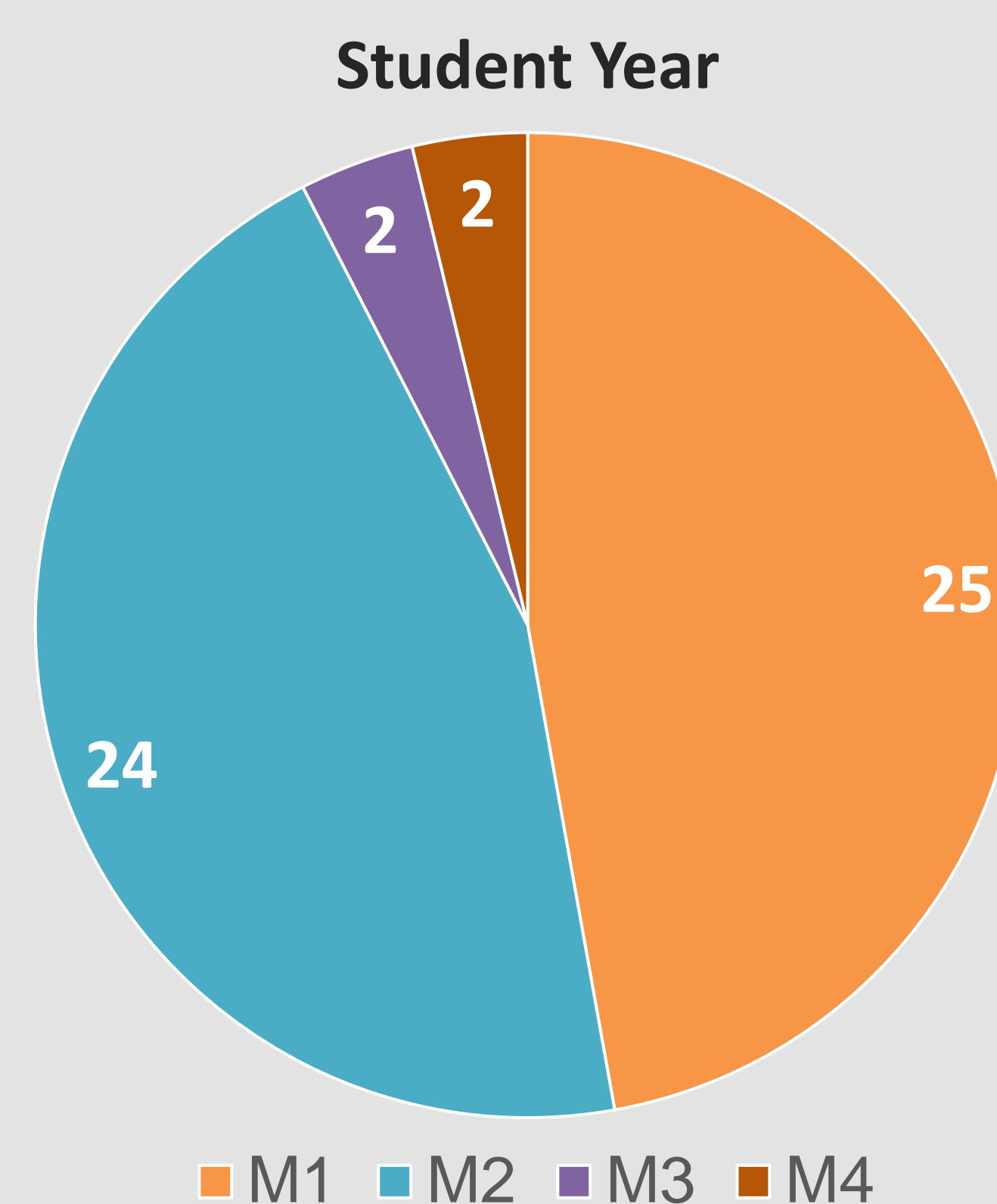
- Faculty mentors
- Standardized Spanish-speaking Patients/OSCE scenarios
- Complex communication scenarios (informed consent, delivering bad news, etc.)
- Pre/Post Course Evaluation of Proficiency
- Sustainable partnerships with community organizations

## Background

- Language barriers may result in increased risk of medical errors and poor health outcomes<sup>1</sup>
- Physician/patient language concordance is associated with improved quality of care<sup>1</sup>
- Medical Education communication skills and cultural competence standards include preparing physicians to care for "vulnerable linguistic minorities"<sup>1</sup>
- Barriers to success of Medical Spanish courses<sup>1</sup>:
  - Lack of time in curriculum
  - Lack of faculty support
  - Significant variation in skill level

## Survey from Medical Students

53 total respondents



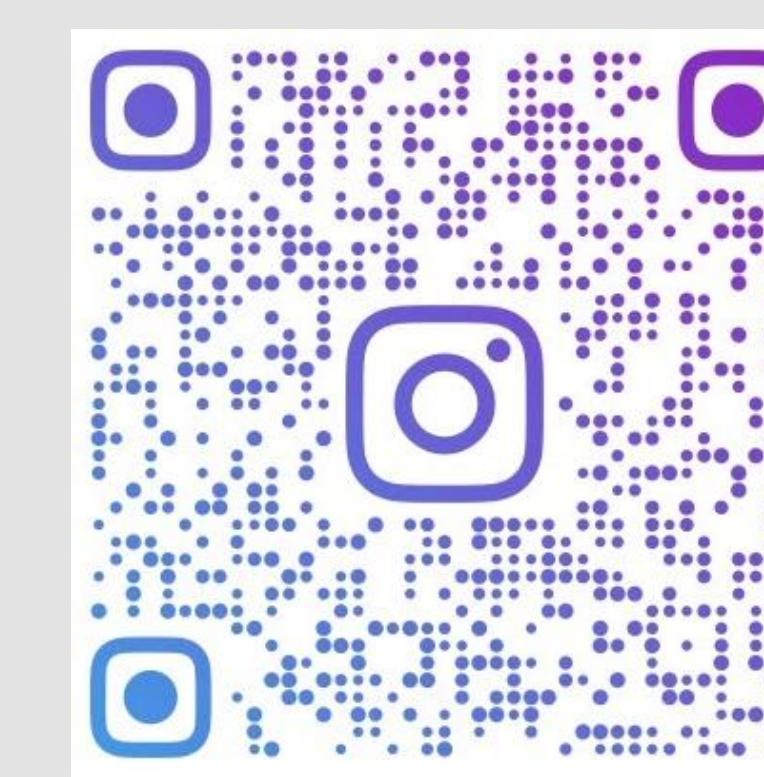
## Mission

To provide better care and communication to Spanish-speaking patients by improving Medical Spanish capabilities of medical students and future physicians.

## Vision

- More medical students and future physicians will confidently speak Spanish in clinical settings and assist community partners in health promotion and education.
- Spanish-speaking patients will have access to quality patient education to make informed decisions about their lifestyle and health.

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