

Greetings and Courteous Expressions

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WHAT'S COVERED

In this lesson, you will learn how to greet a Spanish-speaking patient and ask basic questions. Specifically this lesson will cover:

1. Los Saludos y La Cortesía (Greetings and Courtesy)
2. Más Básicos (More Basics)

1. Los Saludos y La Cortesía (Greetings and Courtesy)

Before we get to the very specific nursing terminology, you must first learn the basics: greetings, courteous phrases, numbers, colors, days, months, how to tell time, how to use question words, etc.

Here you will find basic greetings and courteous phrases to help you express your polite personality, even in Spanish!

English	Spanish
Hello!	¡Hola!
What's your name?	¿Cómo se llama usted?
What's his name?	¿Cómo se llama él?
What's her name?	¿Cómo se llama ella?
My name is...	Me llamo...
Pleasure to meet you.	Mucho gusto.
The pleasure is mine.	El gusto es mío.
Where are you from?	¿De dónde es usted?
I am from... (place).	Soy de... (place).
How are you?	¿Cómo está usted?
How is he?	¿Cómo está él?
How is she?	¿Cómo está ella?

Very well!	¡Muy bien!
So-so.	Así así.
Not good. I'm sick.	Muy mal. Estoy enfermo.
And you?	¿Y usted?
How old are you/ he/ she?	¿Cuántos años tiene?
How many months old is the baby?	¿Cuántos meses tiene el/la bebé?
I am ____ years old.	Tengo ____ años.
and	y
or	o
Good morning.	Buenos días.
Good afternoon.	Buenas tardes.
Good night.	Buenas noches.
sir / Mr.	señor
ma'am / Mrs.	señora
Miss	señorita
Please.	Por favor.
Thank you.	Gracias.
You're welcome.	De nada.
I'm sorry.	Lo siento.
Bless you.	Salud.
Is there a problem?	¿Hay un problema?
It's not a problem.	No es un problema.
It doesn't matter.	No importa.
How wonderful!	¡Qué bien!
How awful!	¡Qué lástima!
Careful!	¡Cuidado!
Look! Watch!	¡Mire!
Listen up!	¡Oye!
Help! (in danger)	¡Socorro!
Help me, please. (calm request)	Ayúdeme, por favor.
Of course.	Claro.
One moment.	Un momento.
Without a doubt!	¡Sin duda!
I speak a little Spanish.	Hablo un poco español.
Do you speak English?	¿Habla usted inglés?

Slower, please.	Más despacio, por favor.
Repeat, please.	Repita, por favor.
again	otra vez
What (did you say)?	¿Cómo?
How do you say...?	¿Cómo se dice...?
Write it down, please.	Escríballo por favor.
What is it?	¿Qué es?
What does it mean?	¿Qué significa?
I don't understand.	No comprendo.
I don't know.	No sé.
Because.	Porque.
Because of/Due to	Debido a
Excuse me.	Perdón.
Good-bye!	¡Adiós!
See you later!	¡Hasta luego!
See you tomorrow!	¡Hasta mañana!

2. Más Básicos (More Basics)

Here are some additional terms that will be helpful when having typical conversations with patients in Spanish.

English	Spanish
with	con
without	sin
well	pues
at / to	a
at the / to the (masculine noun)	al (a + el)
of / from	de
of the / from the (masculine noun)	del (de + el)
for	por / para
but	pero
always	siempre
never	nunca
maybe	tal vez
each / every	cada

every time	cada vez
before	antes de
after	después de
here (location)	aquí
there (location)	allí
deodorant	el deoderante
soap	el jabón
toothpaste	la pasta dentífrica
shampoo	el champú
dollar	dólar
dollars	dólares
cent(s)	centavo(s)
this	este/a (esto)
What is this?	¿Qué es esto?
these	estos / as
that	ese / a (eso)
What is that?	¿Qué es eso?
those	esos / as



SUMMARY

In this lesson, you learned some phrases to express **greetings** and **courtesy** when beginning and carrying on conversations with patients in your profession. You also learned some **more basics** that you may find useful in a patient care setting.

¡Buena suerte!

Support

If you are struggling with a concept or terminology in the course, you may contact **SpanishforNursesSupport@capella.edu** for assistance.

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