

The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders

Interpreter Services

You have the right to interpreter services under Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). It is the responsibility of the patient to notify The Center that an interpreter is needed prior to the appointment and to notify us if you are going to miss an appointment. We arrange for services with interpreters that are trained to best help you understand your medical care. Under these circumstances, we will cover the costs of the service.

Family members may not be the best option to serve as interpreters. They cannot be expected to be neutral and sign everything they hear. They may be emotionally or personally involved with you and this may affect their interpreting. Using them as interpreters can also cause problems in maintaining your confidentiality as a patient.

You may need to cover the cost of an interpreter when, 1. You hired your own interpreter; or, 2. You do not show for an appointment when services have been arranged.

I need the following type of interpreter _____.

I understand and agree with the above.

Patient signature

Date

Witness