



SMALL TALK/ ADMINISTRATION	
Hello	Wave hello
Nice to meet you	<b>NICE</b> (place left hand with palm facing up and slide right hand across it) <b>MEET</b> (make two 1 handshapes and then touch them together so that thumbs are touching, like two people meeting) <b>YOU</b> (point out in front of you with index finger as if you were pointing to someone)
My name is...	<b>MY</b> (gesture to yourself by bringing an open palm to your chest). <b>NAME</b> (make H handshape with both hands; place left hand on top of right to form an X). Then, fingerspell your name.
I am a genetic counselor	<b>I</b> (point to your chest with your index finger) <b>GENETIC</b> (see below) <b>COUNSEL</b> (place your left hand in front of you with your palm facing down. Slide your right hand across your left hand from your thumb to your pinky starting with your fingers clenched together and opening up your fingers as your right hand slides across the left). Then, indicate "one who does" by placing your hands out in front of your chest facing each other and bringing your hands down in a swift motion.
I know a little Sign Language	<b>I</b> (point to your chest with your index finger). <b>KNOW</b> (tap bent handshape to temple). <b>LITTLE</b> (gesture a little bit by moving index finger and thumb together in a pinching motion). <b>SIGN</b> (make index finger handshapes and move them in alternating circles). <b>LANGUAGE</b> (touch L handshapes together at the thumbs and twist them as you pull hands away from each other).
Do you want an interpreter?	<b>YOU</b> (point to the person with your index finger). <b>WANT</b> (start with two hands facing palm side up and pull them into a claw handshape. As you do this, move hands slightly in towards you). <b>INTERPRET</b> (touch vertical F handshapes together at tips of thumbs and twist). Then, indicate "one who does" by placing your hands out in front of your chest facing each other and bringing your hands down in a swift motion.
Yes	Using an S handshape, raise and lower your fist as if your head is your hand and is nodding yes
No	Make the 3 handshape and then press down the middle and index finger to your thumb.
Please	Place an open hand on your chest and circle it in a clockwise motion
Thank you	Place a flat hand near you lips. Move your hand forward and down in the direction of the person you are thanking.
Who	Hold an X handshape in front on your chin with your thumb resting on your chin. Wiggle your index finger.
What	Hold two relaxed hand in front of you with your palms facing up. Move hands side to side a bit.
Where	Make the 1 handshape and wave your index finger from side to side.
When	Using your left index finger, circle the tip of your right index finger in a clockwise motion. End by touching the tip of your right index finger to the tip of your left index finger.
Why	With a bend hand touch your temple. Move your hand forward and away forming the Y handshape.
Can you repeat slowly?	<b>YOU</b> (point to the person with your index finger) <b>TELL</b> (bring index finger to the side of your chin) <b>ME</b> (point to your chest with your index finger) <b>AGAIN</b> (fingertips of your right curved hand touches the left open palm). <b>SLOW</b> (with palms facing down, slide your dominant hand along the nondominant hand).
Do you understand	<b>YOU</b> (point to the person with your index finger). <b>UNDERSTAND</b> (place hand at side of head with index finger bent at knuckle. Pop your finger up).
I don't understand	<b>I</b> (point to your chest with your index finger). <b>NOT</b> (Make an A handshape with the thumb extended out a little bit more prominently. Place hand under your chin and swipe if forward). <b>UNDERSTAND</b> (place hand at side of head with index finger bent at knuckle. Pop your finger up).
Do you have questions?	<b>YOU</b> (point to the person with your index finger) <b>HAVE</b> (Hold bent handshapes a few inches away from your upper chest and then move them in to touch your chest). <b>QUESTION</b> (draw a question mark in the air with your index finger)



Doctor	Dominant hand taps twice on an upward turned wrist, near where a doctor or nurse would take a person's pulse. You may see tapping done with the D handshape as well.
Telephone number	<b>PHONE</b> hold a Y handshape up to your face like you are talking on the phone. <b>NUMBER</b> using squished O handshapes, quickly touch them together, separate, twist, and touch together again.
Insurance	Make the I handshape. Wave from side to side. This is also the sign for "infection".

**MEDICAL**

Inherit	<b>GIVE</b> (with your palm facing upward, make handshape by pressing thumb to fingers and move hand forward as if you are giving something away). To express the idea of something being passed down through generations, use both hands to sign "give" starting near the dominant shoulder and moving forward and down (using a hand over hand motion).
Body	Touch your fingertips to the upper part of your torso, then touch your fingertips to the lower part of your torso
Heart	Draw a heart shape on your chest using the modified five handshapes, with a bent middle finger (the feeling finger). Start at the top center of the heart.
Brain	Index finger taps the side of the head at the temple. This sign also means "mind."
Health	Sign for "body" using H handshapes
Sick	Hold modified five handshapes, with a bent middle finger (the feeling finger), a few inches from the forehead (with one hand) and stomach (with the other hand). Then, move both hands inward to touch the body.
Healthy	Loose claw hands that are resting on the chest are brought forward and change into fist hands. This is also the sign for "brave." Here, you are indicating that the body is strong, or healthy.
Cancer	One hand is a vertical flat palm, to represent the body. The other hand, in a loose claw, eats it's way up the body starting at the base of the hand and moving up to the fingertips.
Diagnosis	Bend V handshapes, starting in front of you and moving down (like something is being pulled apart)
Deaf	Touch your index finger to your cheek near your ear, then move your finger to touch it near the side of your mouth
Hearing (a person who can hear, not the act of hearing)	Point your index finger horizontally under your chin and move it in a circular motion down and away from your mouth, like words are tumbling from your mouth.

**ASL does not currently have standard signs for scientific terms. The following words have proposed signs, but if you wish to use these words with a patient, you would need to fingerspell the word first, and then use the sign.**

Gene	Touch two G handshapes together and pull apart. Then use U handshape to tap the region where the gene is
Genes	Sign "gene", but tap multiple gene regions.
Chromosome	Make two C handshapes facing each other and turn one 90 degrees. Then move pull them away from each other, shaking the C shapes as you pull.
Genetic	Same as the sign for "inherit" but using the G handshapes
Dominant	Shake the letter D.
Recessive	Shake the letter R.
Carrier	<b>CARRY</b> (Place palms point upward. Pick hands up and move them a couple of times off to one side). Then, indicate "one who does" by placing your hands out in front of your chest facing each other and bringing your hands down in a swift motion.
Mutation	Make 2 M handshapes, face them toward each other and twist them.



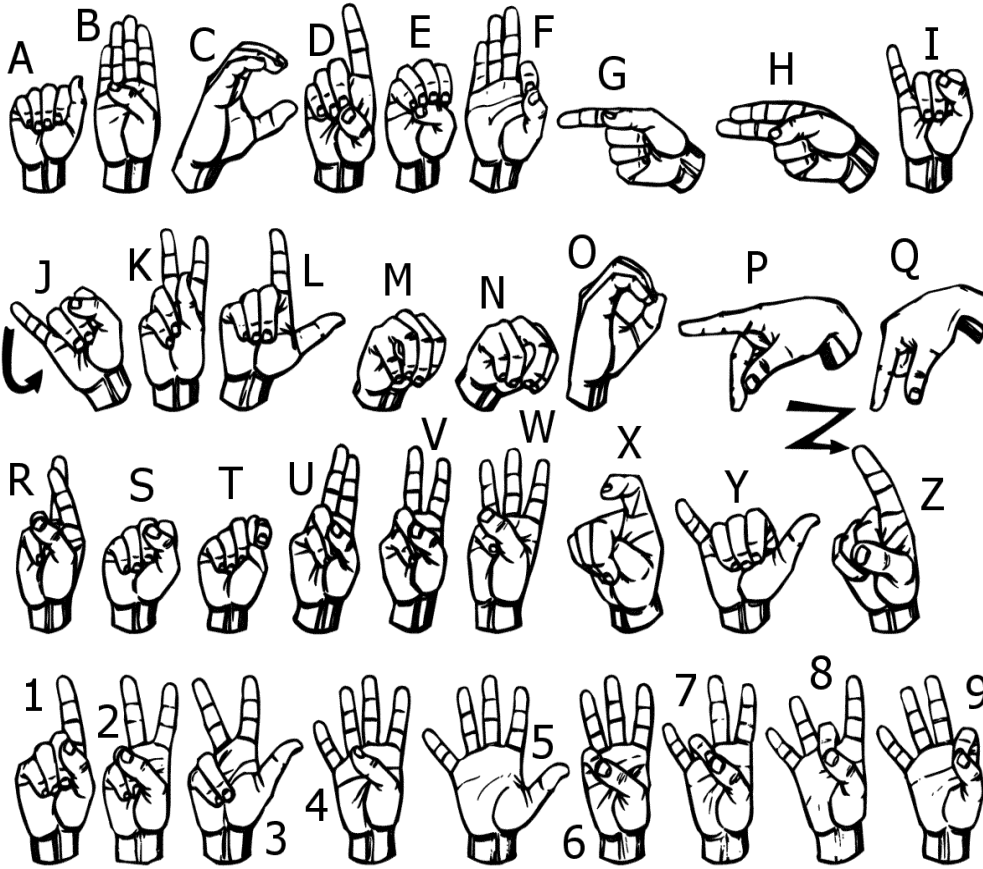
Pedigree	<b>GENETIC</b> (see above). Fan out both hands as if they are roots extending from a tree.
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**FAMILY HISTORY**

Family	The F handshapes are used to trace the shape of a circle. Move from the thumbs touching to the slides of pinkies touching.
Partner	Tap bend five handshaped together at the fingertips twice. This is also the sign for “match.”
Husband	<b>BOY</b> motion hand in front of forehead like you are grasping the visor of a cap <b>MARRY</b> (hands clasp together)
Wife	<b>GIRL</b> (use the thumb of the A handshape to stroke the side of your chin) <b>MARRY</b> (hands clasp together)
Boyfriend	<b>BOY</b> motion hand in front of forehead like you are grasping the visor of a cap <b>FRIEND</b> interlock bent index fingers twice (left hand over right and then right hand over left)
Girlfriend	<b>GIRL</b> (use the thumb of the A handshape to stroke the side of your chin) <b>FRIEND</b> interlock bent index fingers twice (left hand over right and then right hand over left)
Mother	Touch the 5 handshape to your chin, with your thumb touching your chin. Wiggle fingers.
Father	Touch the 5 handshape to your forehead, with your thumb touching your forehead. Wiggle fingers.
Grandmother	The sign for “mother” is moved outward in a small, circular movement to indicate a mother's mother.
Grandfather	The sign for “father” is moved outward in a small circular movement to indicate a father's father.
Brother	Use a modified L handshape that turns into a 1 handshape as it moves from the forehead down to make contact with the base hand (which is in a horizontal 1 handshape).
Sister	Use a modified L handshape that turns into a 1 handshape as it moves from the jaw down to make contact with the base hand (which is in a horizontal 1 handshape).
Aunt	Hold A handshape close to your cheek and shake it a couple of times.
Uncle	Hold U handshape close to your temple and shake it a couple of times.
Cousin	Shake C handshape by the side of your head.
Pregnancy	5 handshapes start at the side, pull them together so that they lock onto each other. This represents the shape of a pregnant woman's belly.
Baby	Place both arms together as if holding an infant. Then gently rock your arms back and forth, like you are rocking a baby.
Child	Pat an imaginary child’s head twice
How old?	<b>HOW</b> (form arched handshapes with both hands, with palms facing down. Place hands together with the knuckles touching so that they look like the shape of an “M”. Starting with your hands near your chest, roll your hands forward until the arches are upside down. Your hands should now look like they are making a cupping shape. <b>OLD</b> (a C handshape starts underneath your chin and moves to an S handshape as you bring your hand down. It should look like you are stroking a beard).
How many?	Start by holding two S handshapes in front of you finger side up. Open your fingering as you throw your hands upward as if you as tossing something up in the air. Doing this without moving upward is the sign for “many”.
How is his/her health?	<b>HOW</b> (see above) <b>HEALTH</b> (see above) Then, point sideways in indicate his/her or sign the whichever family member you’re asking about.
Living	Make L handshapes with both hands and lay them down horizontally out in front of your body. Move hands up along length of body.
Deceased	Place your hand out in front of you so that your left palm is facing down and your right palm is



Does anyone in your family have...?	<p>facing up. Flip them over so that your left palm is facing up and your right palm is facing down.</p> <p><b>ANYONE</b> (make the A handshape and swoop it to the side. End changing hand to the 1 handshape). <b>YOUR</b> (opposite of sign for "my". Hold out hand as if you were going to place it on someone's chest who is standing in front of you). <b>FAMILY</b> (see above). <b>HAVE</b> (Hold bent handshapes a few inches away from your upper chest and then move them in to touch your chest).</p>
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**Helpful Websites:**

<http://asluniversity.com>

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