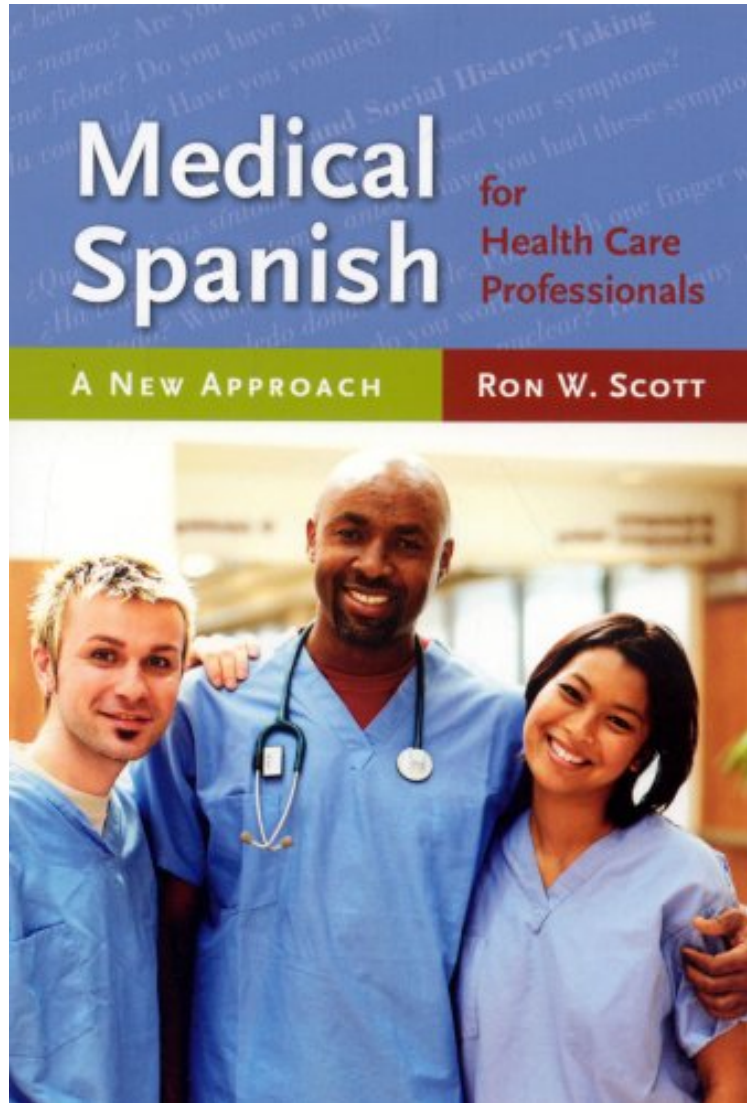


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Ron W. Scott : Medical Spanish For Health Care Professionals: A New Approach before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Medical Spanish For Health Care Professionals: A New Approach:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Worst textbook ever!By Xryundell I am a linguist and a language instructor, and this is by far the worst language textbook I've ever seen!The author claims to take "a bold approach to learning what I call elemental Spanish--forget all (or most) the rules of grammar, linguistics, spelling and syntax" and focus on "basic conversational Spanish through incorporating a blend of English and Spanish" (p. ix), or Spanglish. In

other words, you won't learn any grammar, nor will you learn any conversational Spanish either. The only thing in this textbook that you might find somewhat useful is long vocabulary lists--but I would suggest buying a dictionary instead. A brief overview of the textbook: Each lesson starts with a list of vocabulary, followed by several pages of plain text in English (in a lecture format), and then several discussion questions, and a list of references and readings at the end. There are basically no exercises or activities aimed at practicing the language. The only chapter that talks about any grammar or language-related topics is Chapter 4; in fact, it's a 12-page summary of the Spanish language packed with very brief information about vowels, nouns, articles, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, verbs (only present tense), prepositions, conjunctions, and accents/pronunciation (but, again, no activities to practice any of these). Later chapters are packed with lists of medical vocabulary and expressions, and occasionally one or two short exercises here and there (there are a total of 11 short exercises in the whole book, which is 150 pages long). To sum it up, the author--who, by the way, is a lawyer and a physical therapist--apparently has very little, if any, idea about language pedagogy and the process of second language acquisition. I would not recommend this book even if it were given away for free.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Not worth buying by a long shot. By Cameron I checked this one out from a library, and got everything I could out of it within a week. Most of the book focuses on coping strategies to deal with the fact that you can't speak Spanish. This is especially useful if using this book, because there isn't a whole lot of vocab or information on how to speak enough Spanish to use the vocab it does contain. There is one chapter covering some of the basics of Spanish, and one more for medical vocab. The author is a medical lawyer and a physical therapist, so he tends to focus more on pt vocab and legal advice. It would seem he wrote the book entirely from the scope of his knowledge base, without providing the depth you would want if you are any other sort of health professional, e.g. a nurse or doctor of any specialty.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Ok for beginners only. By L. Hanke The book is OK. I was more impressed with the writer's credentials than the book itself. I think for beginners it is good, but for intermediate speakers something else, more memorization oriented, would help with perhaps more lists and indexes of common medical phrases and terms geared towards technical language for legal consents, etc....

This book presents a novel, but simple approach to mastering elemental and basic conversational Spanish as a mode of communication between English-speaking health care professionals and limited-English-proficient patients.