University of California, Los Angeles

RESEARCH INFORMATION SHEET

Evaluation of a Disability-Focused Virtual CME Course

INTRODUCTION

Dr. Emily Hotez, Ph.D. from the David Geffen School of Medicine, Department of General Internal Medicine / Health Services Research at the University of California, Los Angeles are conducting a research study. This study is being funded by the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD). You were selected as a possible participant in this study because *you are a healthcare provider in the U.S.* Your participation in this research study is voluntary.

WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT A RESEARCH STUDY?

- Someone will explain this research study to you.
- Whether or not you take part is up to you.
- You can choose not to take part.
- You can agree to take part and later change your mind.
- Your decision will not be held against you.
- You can ask all the questions you want before you decide.

WHY IS THIS RESEARCH BEING DONE?

This study aims to investigate healthcare providers' self-reported knowledge, performance, and patient-outcomes related to working with patients with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) before and after participating in a virtual Continuing Medical Education/Continuing Education course. Specific areas of focus include promoting vaccine access, uptake, and confidence in patients with I/DDs.

HOW LONG WILL THE RESEARCH LAST AND WHAT WILL I NEED TO DO?

Participation will take a total of about *3 hours (approximately 2 hours for the course and one hour for data collection).*

If you volunteer to participate in this study, the researcher will ask you to do the following:

- *Participate in a two-hour virtual Continuing Medical Education/Continuing Education Course. All material is asynchronous and can be completed anytime between July 2023 and July 2026.*
- *Participate in a pre-test, post-test, and 3-month follow-up survey. The surveys will be administered via Qualtrics and sent via e-mail.*

ARE THERE ANY RISKS IF I PARTICIPATE?

- *You may experience discomfort responding to specific items on the pre-test, post-test, or 3-month follow-up. You may skip any item or discontinue your participation in the course and research study at any time.*

ARE THERE ANY BENEFITS IF I PARTICIPATE?

You may benefit from the study. You may experience improved knowledge, performance, or patient outcomes.

The results of the research may benefit society. This study will provide preliminary evidence of a potential strategy to improve healthcare provider self-reported knowledge, performance, and patient outcomes pertaining to patients with I/DD, particularly related to improving vaccine access, uptake, and confidence.

What other choices do I have if I choose not to participate?

You may enroll in other CME/CE courses in lieu of participating in this study.

HOW WILL INFORMATION ABOUT ME AND MY PARTICIPATION BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL?

The researchers will do their best to make sure that your private information is kept confidential. Information about you will be handled as confidentially as possible, but participating in research may involve a loss of privacy and the potential for a breach in confidentiality. Study data will be physically and electronically secured. As with any use of electronic means to store data, there is a risk of breach of data security.

Use of personal information that can identify you:
Your name and email address will be directly labeled with the study data. All identifiable information about you will then be replaced with a code. A list linking the code and your identifiable information will be kept separate from the research data.

How information about you will be stored:
All electronic research data and records will be stored electronically on a secure network with password encryption protection.

People and agencies that will have access to your information:
Only members of the key personnel will have access to the key that links your name with your code.

The research team, authorized UCLA personnel, and the study sponsor may have access to study data and records to monitor the study. Research records provided to authorized, non-UCLA personnel will not contain identifiable information about you. Publications and/or presentations that result from this study will not identify you by name.

Employees of the University may have access to identifiable information as part of routine processing of your information, such as lab work or processing payment. However, University employees are bound by strict rules of confidentiality.

How long information from the study will be kept:
The researchers intend to keep the research data and records for approximately 3 years. These data will be uploaded to a secure electronic server and encrypted. Only key personnel will have access to the identifiers and codes.

USE OF DATA FOR FUTURE RESEARCH

Your data, including de-identified data may be kept for use in future research.

WILL I BE PAID FOR MY PARTICIPATION?

You will not be paid for your participation in this research study. You will receive three CME/CE credits. All participants will pay $25.00 to enroll.

WHO CAN I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS STUDY?

The research team:
If you have any questions, comments or concerns about the research, you can talk to the one of the researchers. Please contact: *Emily Hotez, ehotez@mednet.ucla.edu.*

UCLA Office of the Human Research Protection Program (OHRPP):

If you have questions about your rights as a research subject, or you have concerns or suggestions and you want to talk to someone other than the researchers, you may contact the UCLA OHRPP by phone: (310) 206-2040; by email: participants@research.ucla.edu or by mail: Box 951406, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1406.

WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS IF I TAKE PART IN THIS STUDY?

- You can choose whether or not you want to be in this study, and you may withdraw your consent and discontinue participation at any time.
- Whatever decision you make, there will be no penalty to you, and no loss of benefits to which you were otherwise entitled.
- You may refuse to answer any questions that you do not want to answer and still remain in the study.

You will be given a copy of this information to keep for your records.