

Have you Cared for or Treated a Child on the Autism Spectrum in the Emergency Department Setting?

A study of parents' and clinicians' thoughts and experiences regarding the care of autistic children who enter the Emergency Department.

All of the participants will be asked to describe what strategies they have employed or believe should be employed in the Emergency Department to: 1. manage behavioral problems, 2. improve communication between patients, parents/legal guardians, and Emergency Department clinicians, and 3. assess symptoms that patients may have difficulty communicating, such as pain in order to achieve high-quality care for autistic pediatric patients. All of the participants will have the opportunity to identify and describe any other concerns they may have in relation to the provision of adequate treatment of pediatric patients with autism in the Emergency Department.

All inquiries and interviews about this study are confidential. The interviews will be held via teleconference software or at a location that is most convenient for the participant. Participation is estimated to last approximately 1 hour.

Eligibility for Emergency Department Clinicians (Physicians, Nurses, and Physician Assistants): Must have treated autistic children in the Emergency Department setting within the last 12 months.

Eligibility for Parents: Parents/legal guardians of minor children with autism between the ages of 3 to 13. Your child must have had a visit to the Emergency Department within the last 12 months.

If this interests you, please sign up today by contacting:

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Please lend your voice to this discussion! We want to hear from you!

This research is a part of an IRB-approved Drexel study titled, "THE CARE OF AUTISTIC PEDIATRIC PATIENTS IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT: PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN AND CLINICIAN PERSPECTIVES"