This annual symposium, now virtual, is designed for all those interested in learning about the latest breakthroughs in research and treatment in autism spectrum disorder (ASD), including health care providers, teachers, autism service providers, and families. Nationally renowned UCLA Center for Autism Research and Treatment (CART) faculty will present the most up-to-date information about ASD.

Pre-recorded talks on-demand will be available for viewing two weeks before the live event. The symposium will cover topics such as challenging behaviors, conducting an autism assessment during the pandemic, up to date information about ASD across the lifespan, the experience of living with autism, and the role of a parent advocate in accelerating research in neurodevelopmental disorders.

On Friday, April 30, 2021, a live discussion will be presented along with a Q and A session with the featured speakers. Participants will be able to submit questions while viewing the pre-recorded talks before the event through this website as well as during the day of the live event. To qualify for the 11.75 CME credits for participation in this activity, participants will be required to attend the April 30 live event.

**Course Description**

At the completion of this course, participants should be able to:

- Address challenging behaviors for children with ASD
- Incorporate knowledge about the BOSA, an autism assessment, during a pandemic
- Integrate genetics into our understanding of ASD
- Learn about the personal journey of a parent and a self-advocate
- Review pathways leading to equity in autism
- Describe advances in treatment and research for adults with ASD
- Inform families of children with ASD about the current goals and new approaches to intervention research in ASD

**Course Objectives**

**Target Audience**

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Welcome and Introduction
Daniel H. Geschwind, MD, PhD

KEYNOTE 1
9:15 – 9:45
Addressing Challenging Behavior Exhibited by Children with ASD: A Research Continuum
Nathan Call, PhD, BCBA
Moderator: Rujuta Wilson, MD

KEYNOTE 2
9:45 – 10:15
Autism Assessment During Social Distancing: What We’re Learning?
Catherine Lord, PhD
Moderator: Benjamin Schneider, MD

10:15 – 10:25
Break

GENETICS & PARENT ADVOCATE
10:25 – 11:10
How Genetics Informs Our Understanding of ASD
Daniel H. Geschwind, MD, PhD

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From Impossible to Possible: A Personal Journey Through Drug Development
Allyson Berent, DVM, DACVIM
Moderator: Shafali Spurling Jeste, MD

HEALTH DISPARITIES
11:10 – 11:40
Genetic Epidemiology and Pathways to Equity in Autism
John Constantino, MD, PhD
Moderator: Connie Kasari, PhD

11:40 – 11:50
Break

ADULT INTERVENTION
11:50 – 12:20
Advances in the Research and Treatment of Adults with ASD
Amanda Gulsrud, PhD & Elizabeth Laugeson, PsyD
Moderator: Michael Gandal, MD, PhD

SELF-ADVOCATE
12:20 – 12:50
TBD
John Elder Robison
Moderator: Susan Bookheimer, PhD

12:50 – 1:00
Adjourn
Dan Geschwind, MD, PhD
Faculty

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Joaquin Fuster Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience*
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Staff Internal Medicine Specialist
Animal Medical Center

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Clinical Director- Marcus Autism Center
Associate Professor- Department of Pediatrics, Emory University School of Medicine

John Constantino, MD, PhD
Blanche F. Ittleson Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics
Psychiatrist-In-Chief, St. Louis Children’s Hospital
Director, William Greenleaf Eliot Division of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
Co-Director, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Center

John Elder Robison
Author
Neurodiversity Scholar at the College of William & Mary
Online Enrollment preferred
Visit www.cme.ucla.edu/courses/autism2021

Fee
$195  Physicians
$165  Nurses and Allied Health Professionals
$90  Non-Healthcare

Enrollment
Online
To register for the symposium, please visit www.cme.ucla.edu/courses/autism2021. You may use your MasterCard, VISA, American Express, or Discover card.

If you have questions, please contact the UCLA Office of Continuing Nursing Education at uclacme@mednet.ucla.edu or 310.794.2620.

Refunds
Cancellations must be received in writing by Friday, April 16, 2021 and will be subject to a $50 processing fee. No refunds will be granted after that date. If, for any reason, the course must be cancelled, discontinued, or rescheduled by the Office of Continuing Medical Education, a full refund will be provided.

Accreditation
The Office of Continuing Medical Education, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The Office of Continuing Medical Education, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA designates this live activity for a maximum of 11.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

The California State Board of Registered Nursing accepts courses approved by the AMA for category 1 credit as meeting the continuing education requirements for license renewal. Nurses from states other than California should inquire with their local State Board for specific continuing education policies.

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