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Global Autism Interactive Network

The purpose of this workshop is to help clinicians understand how social communication abnormalities, restricted and repetitive behaviors, and developmental histories of children with ASD may be similar or different compared to children with other diagnoses (e.g., intellectual disability, language disorder, genetic syndromes) who commonly present for ASD evaluation in early childhood. The workshop will also discuss the uses and limitations of currently available ASD assessment tools, including sensitivity and specificity when used in different subgroups of young children.

Differential Diagnosis of ASD: Intro to Assessment



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4.0 CE credits available to psychologists and social workers who sign in with their full name, attend the entire workshop, and complete a survey which will be emailed following completion of the workshop

OVERVIEW



Date

- Friday, February 21st, 2025



Time

- 11:00am-3:00pm EST
- 10:00am-2:00pm CST
- 9:00am-1:00pm MST
- 8:00am-12:00pm PST



Type of Workshop

- Live online Workshop via Zoom



Prerequisite Training

- These workshops are intended for clinicians and researchers involved in the diagnostic assessment of ASD

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- 1 Identify issues to consider when attempting to differentiate between ASD and other disorders associated with social-communication deficits and/or restricted and repetitive behaviors.
- 2 Utilize recent research, including studies detailing the use of specific diagnostic instruments in early childhood.
- 3 Describe how social communication abnormalities, restricted and repetitive behaviors, and developmental histories of children with ASD may be similar or different compared to children with other diagnoses.

SPEAKER DISCLOSURES

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