

Autism Update

Speaker: Cheryl Klaiman, PhD **Time:** 9:00 am – 3:15 pm

Date: Friday, January 31, 2020 Cost: \$150 (includes lunch - does not include eventbrite

processing fee of \$10.76)

Register: www.chconline.org/community-education

Autism is being diagnosed earlier than ever and thus children are receiving interventions earlier. As clinicians in the field, it can be challenging to keep up with the literature and determine what is helpful in our daily practice. This course, designed for all levels of professionals, will provide the latest research findings regarding diagnosis using evidence based information.

Goals & Objectives

- 1. The learner will be able to describe the current state of screening and diagnosis for children with autism spectrum disorder.
- 2. The learner will be able to describe the earliest signs and symptoms of autism, including the precursor symptomatology that are important for enabling earlier diagnosis.
- 3. The learner will be able to describe how we are translating current lab based research to community practice.
- 4. The learner will be able to discuss the clinical implications of the research findings from 2019 and how they apply to their own practice.

About the Speaker

Cheryl Klaiman, PhD is an Associate Professor, Emory University School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics. She has been working in the field of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) since 1993. She earned her doctorate in school and applied child psychology from McGill University in 2003 and then completed her pre- and post-doctoral internship at the Yale Child Study Center. Dr. Klaiman was an associate research scientist at Yale University for six years before becoming a staff psychologist and then the director of the autism and developmental disabilities multidisciplinary team at Children's Health Council. She was also a clinical researcher at the Stanford University Department of Psychiatry, where she examined the overlap of autism and fragile X syndrome, as well as collaborating on a longitudinal study of fragile X syndrome, Turner syndrome and Williams syndrome. Dr. Klaiman joined Marcus Autism Center and Emory University in 2012 and is currently the Director of the Diagnostic Services program, leading a team of 15 clinicians to conduct diagnostic evaluations for clinical and research patients. She is also clinical director of a multisite, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-regulated clinical trial working to translate our research endeavors into a tool for diagnosing autism. She also trains other staff psychologists, postdoctoral fellows, psychology interns, as well as research assistants on diagnostic and other assessment tools. Dr. Klaiman is also Assessment Core Director for the center's National Institutes of Health (NIH) Center of Excellence grants. Her research interests center around techniques to aid in the differential diagnosis of individuals with autism, such as eye-tracking, ERP and functional MRI, early diagnosis and treatment strategies, and genetic comorbidities, such as fragile X syndrome and Williams syndrome.

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- SLPs as required by the Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology & Hearing Aid Dispensers Board (PDP 350).

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