

INFORMED CONSENT / PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

All Mini Med School participants are required to submit a signed copy of the following participant agreement at the time of registration.

To ensure the safety and security of all participants and the BC Children's Hospital community, participants who do not submit this agreement will not be permitted to attend the event if selected.

The participant agreement must be signed by both the participant and a parent/guardian.

If you have any questions or concerns about the participant agreement, contact researchevents@phsa.ca.

I, _____ (full name), may be participating in **Mini Med School 2025**, hosted by the BC Children's Hospital Research Institute, at 938 West 28th Avenue in Vancouver, BC, on the following dates:

- Session #1: Wednesday, October 22 | 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- Session #2: Wednesday, October 29 | 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- Session #3: Wednesday, November 5 | 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- Session #4: Wednesday, November 12 | 6:30 – 8:00 pm

As a Participant I acknowledge and agree to the terms outlined in this document.

Responsibilities for Participants:

- I agree to respect the difference in others, their ideas, and opinions.
- I agree to refrain from inappropriate and disrespectful conduct, such as bullying, harassment, discrimination, or racism.
- I agree to be punctual and prepared to be part of an environment dedicated to active learning.
- I agree to follow the instructions and directions of the Mini Med School team.
- I agree to Covid-19 symptom screening checks. **I will not attend in-person if I am sick.** I will let the Mini Med School team know if I have experienced any symptoms of Covid-19 or have had a known exposure.
- If asked, I agree to wear a medical mask to help protect the Mini Med School Faculty, which includes individuals who regularly work in healthcare and research spaces.
- I agree to sanitize my hands upon entering and exiting the facility, with soap or sanitizer.
- I understand that the event will be hosted at the BC Children's Hospital Research Institute in the lobby and auditorium, with participant access to washrooms. I understand that all other spaces in the institute are off-limits.
- I understand that the BC Children's Hospital Research Institute is locked after the closure of regular business hours and that I will be unable to enter the building without a supervisor present during this event. If I arrive late, I may be unable to enter the institute.
- I understand that lecture materials may be difficult and triggering. I will make my safety and well-being my first priority. I acknowledge that I have the ability to leave the auditorium as needed at any time. Participants will be able to move freely between the auditorium, lobby, and washrooms.
- I understand that I may be photographed or recorded by the Mini Med School team during this event, and that photographs or recordings of me may be used in promotional materials. I agree that the BC Children's Hospital Research Institute may use any photographs or recordings taken during the Mini Med School event in its promotional materials, including photographs or recordings of me.

Activity

Mini Med School 2025 is being offered as a public education and health science youth outreach program through the BC Children's Hospital Research Institute. Participants will be supervised by eight adults, including two faculty speakers, three program administrators, two program deans, and one technology support person. The Mini Med School event will be in a lecture format and will involve the following activities:

- Attendance and participation at a series of lectures relating to exploring rare diseases;
- The opportunity to ask questions and receive answers from scientific leaders and clinicians;
- The opportunity to engage with Mini Med School faculty and as many as 150 peers in an indoor space; and
- The potential opportunity to view or interact with a variety of samples and specimens found in a hospital or clinical laboratory environment.

Description of Risks

The activities have foreseeable and unforeseeable inherent risks, hazards, and dangers. No amount of care, caution, or expertise can fully eliminate the potential for harm. Potential risks of attending the Mini Med School 2025 series include:

- Exposure to contagious disease such as Covid-19; and
- Potential exposure to a variety of samples and specimens that may be found in a clinical laboratory setting, including biological specimens such as tissue, fluids, or blood; and
- Discomfort or distress caused by engaging with challenging health topics including the healthcare crisis and clinically graphic images.

Acknowledgement

I acknowledge that there are risks associated with entering the BC Children's Hospital Research Institute, and with participating in the Mini Med School event. I understand that the measures taken by the Mini Med School team will not entirely eliminate those risks.

I confirm that I have read and understand this agreement, and that I have executed this agreement voluntarily.

Name of Participant (Print)

Signature of Participant

Name of Parent/Guardian (Print)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date