

## Participant Information Sheet

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### INTRODUCTION

- This is a project being conducted for research purposes. Your participation is completely voluntary.
- The intent of the Participant Information Sheet is to provide you with important details about this research project.
- You are encouraged to ask any questions about this research project, now, during or after the project is complete.
- The use of the word ‘we’ in the Information Sheet refers to the Principal Investigator and/or other research staff.

### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROJECT?

The general purpose of this research project is to learn how much education on substance use disorder (SUD) is taught in medical school and how confident students feel working with SUD patients. Participants are medical students currently enrolled at the University of New England, Boston University, Tufts University, Harvard University, Brown University, Yale University, Dartmouth University, University of Massachusetts, University of Vermont, University of Connecticut, and Quinnipiac University. The anticipated number of participants is 150 medical students.

### WHY ARE YOU BEING ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT?

You are being asked to participate in this research project because you are a current medical student in the New England region.

### WHAT IS INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT?

You will be asked to complete an anonymous survey on the RedCAP platform that will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Questions will be related to your exposure to SUD while in medical school. You will be asked to complete multiple choice and short answer typed responses. The survey will not ask for any identifiable information. All questions are optional. You will not be contacted for further information after the survey is completed and submitted.

### WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE RISKS OR DISCOMFORTS INVOLVED FROM BEING IN THIS PROJECT?

The risks involved with participation in this research project are minimal and may include recalling and writing about potentially traumatic subject material. You have the right to skip any questions, for any reason. Some questions may

seem sensitive or personal in nature. If you are a UNE student, your decision to engage/not engage in this research project will have no effect on your academic status, class grade, or relationship with any instructors at UNE.

#### **WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE BENEFITS FROM BEING IN THIS PROJECT?**

*There are no likely benefits to you by being in this research project; however, the information we collect may help us understand how medical school curriculum can better be developed to help students feel more prepared to treat patients with SUD.*

#### **WILL YOU BE COMPENSATED FOR BEING IN THIS PROJECT?**

You will not be compensated for being in this research project.

#### **WHAT ABOUT PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY?**

The following additional measures will be taken to protect your privacy and confidentiality:

##### **General Considerations:**

- Survey will not collect any personal health information (PHI) or identifying information, including name, email, and IP address.
- Survey data will be secured on a password-protected computer and stored on a secure UNE OneDrive account with restricted access to the study team only.
- All study data will be retained on record for 3 years after the completion of the project and then destroyed. The study data may be accessed upon request by representatives of the University (e.g. faculty advisors, Office of Research and Integrity, etc.) when necessary.
- Any reports or publications resulting from this study will present aggregated data to further protect participant confidentiality. Individual responses will not be identifiable in any publications or reports. Your data will be solely used for research purposes and will not be shared with any third parties without your explicit consent.

#### **WHAT IF YOU WANT TO WITHDRAW FROM THIS PROJECT?**

You have the right to choose not to participate in this project. You will not be treated differently if you decide not to take part in this project.

If you request to withdraw from this project, the data collected cannot be deleted since responses are collected anonymously and not linked to any personal identifiers. Once your survey answers are submitted, they cannot be deleted.

#### **WHAT IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS PROJECT?**

You have the right to ask, and have answered, any questions you may have about this research project. If you have questions about this project, complaints or concerns, you should contact the Principal Investigator listed on the first page of this document.

#### **WHAT IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS AS A RESEARCH PARTICIPANT?**



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If you have questions or concerns about your rights as a research participant, or if you would like to obtain information or offer input, you may contact the Office of Research Integrity at (207) 602-2244 or via e-mail at [irb@une.edu](mailto:irb@une.edu).