

Drexel University School of Public Health Presents:

Ethics of Communicating Scientific Findings of Autism Risk

October 6th and 7th, 2009

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Limited Seating - Pre-Registration Required – No Fee

Meeting Agenda Summary

Tuesday, October 6th

Morning Sessions

- I. Historical and Ethical Issues in Autism Risk Communication
- II. Challenges to Communicating Complex Risks
- III. Communicating Findings in Children's Health: Theory and Practice

Afternoon Sessions

- IV. What Do We Really Know About Beliefs and Attitudes Towards Autism Research?
- V. Case Studies in Communicating ASD Research

Wednesday, October 7th

Morning Sessions

- VI. Autism Advocacy and Risk Communication
- VII. Break-Out Group Discussions*: Working Toward Guidelines and Identifying Gaps

Afternoon Sessions

- VIII. Summaries and Discussions of Break-Out Sessions
- IX. Proposed Next Steps

* Breakouts not open to the public. Topics for break-outs will be based on discussions in Sessions I through VI

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