

Presentation and Discussion Questions for the IACC Workshop on Under-Recognized Co-Occurring Conditions in ASD

Presenters will address:

1. What do we know and what have we learned in each research area?
 - a. What is the level of evidence that these co-occurring conditions are more common in individuals affected by ASD?
 - b. Is there evidence for a common underlying biologic cause of the co-occurring conditions and other features of ASD?
 - c. What are the autism-specific features that affect proper diagnosis and treatment of the co-occurring conditions?
2. What do we need, both in the clinic and in research to decrease the burden of illnesses/extent of disability, or reduction in quality of life due to the co-occurring conditions?
3. Are there any specific gaps or barriers that need to be addressed before progress can be made in this area?
4. Has recent research created new opportunities that need to be explored?

Discussion Questions:

1. What do we need in order to help those affected by these conditions now? (e.g., provider and community awareness, practice guidelines, services, policies.)
2. What kind of research is needed to support development of new and improved treatments for these conditions in the future?
3. Are there any lessons we can learn from other fields to help accelerate progress?
4. Are any of these fields ready for practice guidelines or other steps that have not yet occurred due to knowledge or service gaps or other barriers? If so, how can the IACC, federal agencies or private organizations help accelerate progress?