

Caring for autistic patients and those with learning disabilities or complex needs in the ED

Date: Tuesday 19 May 2026
RCEM accredited for 7 CPD

08:30 - 08:55	Join the virtual meeting space
08:55 - 09:00	Introduction to the day Dr Liz Herrieven and Dr Lizzie Binham, Sheffield Children's Hospital
09:00 - 09:30	Are we making progress on health inequalities for people living with learning disabilities? Prof. Andrew Lee, SchHARR, University of Sheffield
09:30 - 10:00	How to perform an excellent acute assessment for adults with a learning disability in 5 easy steps Dr Charly Annesley, learning disability physician at North Middlesex University Hospital
10:00 - 10:30	Postural Care in Emergency Departments and Acute Hospitals: Principles and Practical Considerations Ms Sarah Clayton, Simple Stuff Works
10:30 - 10:40	Panel Q&A
10:40 - 10:55	Refreshment break
10:55 - 11:25	Humanity and healthcare Mr Stephen Unwin, theatre director and author of <i>Beautiful Lives: How We Got Learning Disabilities So Wrong</i>
11:25 - 11:55	We deserve better - health inequalities and ethnic minoritised communities Ms Ramandeep Kaur, learning disability campaigner and parent activist
11:55 - 12:25	Complex disabilities and the ED: Little Things that make a Big Difference to families Ms Rachel Wright, Born At The Right Time
12:25 - 12:35	Panel Q&A
12:35 - 13:20	Lunch
13:20 - 13:40	Lived experience of ED visits - learning from Sam and Gavin Mr Gavin Howcroft and Mr Sam Prowse, Hertfordshire County Council
13:40 - 14:10	Considering sensory needs when delivering Urgent and Emergency Care Ms Jess Howe, registered occupational therapist, and learning disability and autism lead at London Ambulance Service
14:10 - 14:40	Individualised care - examples of reasonable adjustments from a sedation pathway Dr Alice Munro, Newham University Hospital
14:40 - 14:50	Panel Q&A
14:50 - 15:05	Refreshment break
15:05 - 15:35	Autism, what it is, how to tell if your patient has it and why it matters in the ED Dr Sam Porter, Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust
15:35 - 16:05	Disabled, difficult or different? Dr Kirsty Challen, Lancashire Teaching Hospitals
16:05 - 16:35	Supporting neurodivergent colleagues Dr Mary Doherty, Autistic Doctors International
16:35 - 16:45	Panel Q&A
16:45 - 16:50	Summary and close Dr Liz Herrieven and Dr Lizzie Binham, Sheffield Children's Hospital