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INFORMED CONSENT
for a Research Study entitled
“Empowering community pharmacists to prevent opioid overdose deaths: development and implementation of a targeted naloxone training program - Phase II”

You are invited to participate in a research study to enhance pharmacists' knowledge and dispensing of naloxone for prevention of opioid overdose deaths in community pharmacies in Alabama. The study is being conducted by Lindsey Hohmann, PharmD, as her final dissertation project under the direction of Salisa Westrick, PhD in the Auburn University Department of Health Outcomes Research and Policy. You were selected as a possible participant because you are a registered pharmacist practicing in a community pharmacy in selected Alabama counties that have high opioid-related death rates.

What will be involved if you participate? If you decide to participate in this research study, you will be randomly assigned to either a control or intervention group. Intervention group participants will immediately receive a free ACPE-accredited continuing education (CE) program; control group participants will not immediately receive the training, but will be provided with the free CE program after the conclusion of the 3-month study. CE topics will include naloxone dispensing basics, legal issues specific to Alabama, and expert communication and workflow strategies. Regardless of group assignment, we will also ask you to complete three 15-minute online surveys during the 3-month study period in order for us to explore your knowledge, perceived barriers, attitudes, confidence, intentions, & actions regarding naloxone dispensing.

Are there any risks or discomforts? The risks associated with participating in this study are minimal, and include disclosure of your personal or confidential information. To minimize these risks, we will store all study and survey data on an encrypted server used for research data storage; furthermore, names and email addresses will be kept on a password-protected laptop, separate from survey responses, and each participant will be assigned a unique identification code to maintain anonymity of responses.

Are there any benefits to yourself or others? If you participate in this study, you can expect to inform future studies regarding training of pharmacists in the use of naloxone for opioid overdose death prevention, and to enrich your own knowledge in this area. You may also help to advance the profession of pharmacy, and ultimately contribute to the public good by increasing access to naloxone. We cannot promise you that you will receive any or all of the benefits described.

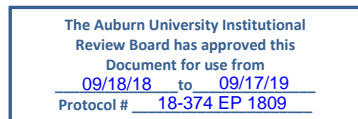
Will you receive compensation for participating? You will receive continuing education (CE) credit after completing the training. Each participant, regardless of group membership, will receive one \$10 gift card after completing the first 2 surveys, & a second \$15 gift card after completing the third survey after 3 months.

Are there any costs? If you decide to participate, you will not be responsible for any monetary costs.

If you change your mind about participating, you can withdraw at any time during the study. Your participation is completely voluntary. If you choose to withdraw, your data can be withdrawn as long as it is identifiable. Your decision about whether or not to participate or to stop participating will not jeopardize your future relations with Auburn University, the Department of Health Outcomes Research and Policy.

Participant's initials _____

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Your privacy will be protected. Any information obtained in connection with this study will remain confidential. Information obtained through your participation may be used to fulfill an educational requirement, published in a professional journal, or presented at a professional meeting.

If you have questions about this study, please ask them now or contact Lindsey Hohmann at LAH0036@auburn.edu or 805-698-1001. A copy of this document will be given to you to keep.

If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the Auburn University Office of Research Compliance or the Institutional Review Board by phone (334)-844-5966 or e-mail at IRBadmin@auburn.edu or IRBChair@auburn.edu.

HAVING READ THE INFORMATION PROVIDED, YOU MUST DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS RESEARCH STUDY. YOUR SIGNATURE INDICATES YOUR WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE.

Participant's signature Date

Investigator obtaining consent Date

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