

## UCSD Pre-Health Gap Year Online Survey Consent Form

You are being invited to complete an online survey regarding the impact of COVID-19 on the attitudes and perspectives of pre-health students. This survey is being managed by Matthew Light MD & Laura E. Crotty Alexander MD from the University of California San Diego (UCSD).

The purpose of this survey is to explore how the COVID-19 pandemic might be affecting pre-health students with respect to their career choices and motivations, as well as more practical aspects of the health professions application process. If you agree to take part in this survey, you will be asked to complete an online survey/questionnaire. This survey/questionnaire will ask about your healthcare career plans, the health professions application process, and how your experience with the COVID-19 pandemic may be affecting those preferences and decisions. The survey is 54 questions long and will take approximately 5-7 minutes to complete.

There will not be any direct benefit to you from this research. The investigator(s), however, may learn more about challenges pre-health students may be experiencing as a result of the COVID-19 crisis such that application processes can be improved.

There are minimal risks associated with this research study. There are no physical risks associated with this online survey. This survey will take a very small amount of your time (7 minutes maximum). The risk of a data breach is low, but not zero. No computerized data is 100% free from the risk of loss of confidentiality or unauthorized access. However, our online survey is conducted using an encrypted and secure online vendor, SSL encryption for data in transit, and stored on encrypted hard-drives with password protected files. Furthermore, data will be de-identified and anonymized (which will mitigate damages in the unlikely event of a data breach). After completion of the study and analysis, all data will be securely deleted. Therefore, in summary, there is minimal risk of loss of confidentiality. Research records will be kept confidential to the extent allowed by law and may be reviewed by the UCSD Institutional Review Board.

Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary and you can withdraw at any time by simply exiting the survey. Choosing not to participate or withdrawing will result in no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are entitled.

If you have questions about this project or if you have a research-related problem, you may contact the researcher(s), Laura Crotty-Alexander MD, at [lcrotty@ucsd.edu](mailto:lcrotty@ucsd.edu). If you have any questions concerning your rights as a research subject, you may contact the UCSD Human Research Protections Program Office at 858-246-HRPP (858-246-4777).

By clicking “You agree” below you are indicating that you have read this consent form, and agree to participate in this survey. Please print a copy of this page for your records.

You  
Agree

You Do  
Not Agree