

# HARRISON SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OUTCOMES RESEARCH AND POLICY



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As part of your participation in this research study, you will be asked to attend a focus group (with up to 5 other participants in your group and up to 3 Auburn University researchers on the research team) at Auburn University main campus (Auburn, AL, 36849). During the focus group you will be asked to provide your thoughts on the content, format, channel, and satisfaction of one example of an educational material developed for your stakeholder group. Your total time commitment will be approximately 60 minutes.

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