



## Will You Help Us Understand Autism?

**Dr. Lauren Weiss, PhD, Assistant Professor at UCSF, is a geneticist conducting a research study to find genes related to Autism Spectrum Disorders.**

### **WHY is this study being done?**

Boys are affected by autism spectrum disorders much more often than girls. If we understand *why* girls get autism less often than boys, we may be able to protect boys and girls from getting autism in the future.

### **WHO are we looking for?**

We are looking for families who have someone with autism or with a related disorder. We would like to have the affected individual and both biological parents participate.

### **WHAT will be asked of you?**

First, we will be asking you to answer three short questionnaires about your child. Second, we will be drawing a small blood sample, about 2 tablespoons, from you and your child. This will be done by a trained professional who has experience in drawing blood from children and adults.

### **WHERE will this take place?**

You can complete the questionnaires in person or over the phone with the study coordinator, or by yourself at home at your convenience. The blood will be drawn at UCSF.

### **Are there benefits to participating in research?**

Your participation in this research study is very important because it can help understand autism and why it occurs, as well as help future families who would be affected by this disorder.

You will receive \$20 in return for your time and effort, upon **complete participation** meaning that all inclusion criteria are met, all three family members (affected individual and both biological parents) provide blood samples and all questionnaires are completed. If the purpose of your visit was exclusively for this study, you will also be provided with parking validation in the UCSF Milberry Union Parking garage or you will be reimbursed for your public transportation costs up to a maximum of \$15.

**If you would like to learn more about this study or to participate, please contact the study coordinator Dina Bseiso at 415-476-6988 or email [dina.bseiso@ucsf.edu](mailto:dina.bseiso@ucsf.edu)**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THIS STUDY!**