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# Webinar: Somer Bishop explores advances in autism diagnosis

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Here's how Bishop describes what she will discuss in this webinar:

*Autism researchers have made significant progress in identifying and measuring different aspects*

*of social communication. However, there is still a great deal to be learned about how various profiles of social ability and disability manifest in individuals with autism at different points in development. Knowing more about these profiles can improve our understanding of autism's etiology, course and response to treatment.*

*In this webinar, I will discuss how understanding the limitations of available measurement tools may help us develop more detailed measures of social communication behavior. These detailed measures could be used to evaluate profiles of social ability and disability relevant to both clinical and basic research. Researchers need behavioral assessment methodology that incorporates continuous, dimensional measures of social communication to outline similarities and differences between autism and other developmental conditions. These methods can also help us evaluate intervention efficacy and long-term outcomes in individuals with autism. I will discuss how carefully charting social profiles and outlining which aspects of social behavior are intact or impaired across conditions may facilitate greater understanding of autism.*

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