

**Subject:** Invitation to Participate in a Survey on Tobacco Prevention

**Attachments:** Information Letter and Flyer

Hello,

**We would like to invite you to take part in an anonymous online survey for a research study entitled, "State-wide assessment of tobacco prevention disparities in Alabama."** This research study is being conducted to better understand tobacco prevention and cessation needs within Alabama, and readiness to expand tobacco prevention services in the state. The study is being conducted by Dr. Natalie Hohmann, PharmD, PhD, Assistant Professor and Dr. Miranda Andrus, PharmD, Professor in the Auburn University Harrison College of Pharmacy. You are invited to participate if you are at least 18 years old and an actively practicing health professional in Alabama.

If you participate in this research study, you can expect to contribute to research to help improve the quality of information available for people who use tobacco. The results from this survey will be used to make educational materials about tobacco prevention and inform the design of tobacco prevention and cessation interventions in Alabama. Any information collected as part of the surveys will be kept secure to the extent provided by law and will not be shared with anyone outside of the project team and project sponsors, Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Findings may be used by ADPH and the CDC to inform capacity-building efforts for tobacco prevention in Alabama. There is no compensation for completing the survey. *Your decision about whether or not to participate or to stop participating will not jeopardize your future relations with Auburn University, ADPH, or the CDC.*

Attached is an Information Letter that outlines: a) the purpose of the research study, and b) what your participation would involve.

**To participate in the anonymous survey, please click the following link:** <https://aub.ie/tobaccoSurvey>

If you are interested in participating but would like to learn more, please feel free to contact Natalie Hohmann at [NSH0010@auburn.edu](mailto:NSH0010@auburn.edu) or 334-844-4082 (office).

Best regards,

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<https://aub.ie/tobaccoSurvey>  
Survey link!

# NOW RECRUITING SURVEY FOR A TOBACCO PREVENTION PROJECT

FALL  
2024

LET US KNOW YOUR EXPERIENCES WITH  
TOBACCO PREVENTION.

You are eligible to participate if you are at least 18 years old and an actively practicing health professional in Alabama. As a participant, you will be asked to complete one online survey (20 minutes) to give your thoughts and experiences with tobacco prevention and cessation for the patients and clients you serve. Findings may be used by the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to inform capacity-building efforts for tobacco prevention in Alabama.

Information collected as part of the survey will remain private to the extent permitted by law. There is no compensation for completing the survey.

If you would like to participate, *please click on the survey link:* <https://aub.ie/tobaccoSurvey>. Thank you!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Natalie Hohmann, Harrison College of Pharmacy,  
at NSH0010@AUBURN.EDU

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**INFORMATION LETTER  
for a Research Study entitled**

**"State-wide assessment of tobacco prevention disparities in Alabama"**

**Sponsor:** Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

**You are invited to participate in an anonymous research survey study** to better understand tobacco prevention and cessation needs within Alabama, and readiness to expand tobacco prevention services in the state. The study is being conducted by Dr. Natalie Hohmann, PharmD, PhD, Assistant Professor and Dr. Miranda Andrus, PharmD, Professor in the Auburn University Harrison College of Pharmacy. You are invited to participate if you are at least 18 years old and an actively practicing health professional in Alabama.

**What will be involved if you participate?** This research study is anonymous, and your participation is completely voluntary. If you decide to participate in this research study, you will be asked to complete an anonymous online survey. Survey questions ask about your opinions and experiences with tobacco prevention and cessation, including things like your readiness to counsel patients on tobacco prevention and cessation, prescribing or dispensing patterns for smoking cessation therapies, and needs that exist in Alabama related to tobacco prevention and cessation. You may choose to not take the survey and to stop responding at any time. Your completion of this survey and choice to press the "Yes, I agree to participate" button on the first page of the survey serves as your voluntary agreement to participate in this research project. Your total time commitment will be approximately 20 minutes.

**Are there risks or discomforts?** The risks associated with participating in this research study are minimal and include loss of confidentiality of data. To minimize this risk, data will be collected anonymously and presented in a combined form, so individuals will not be identifiable from presented data. Only the investigators and sponsors (ADPH and CDC) will have access to data related to the study. Furthermore, it is possible that participants may feel uncomfortable when completing this survey. As such, you may choose to end the survey at any time if concerns arise.

**Are there any benefits to yourself or others?** There are no direct benefits to you for participating in this research study. If you participate in this research study, you can expect to contribute to research to help improve the quality of information available for people who use tobacco. The results from this survey will be used to make educational materials about tobacco prevention and inform the design of tobacco prevention and cessation interventions in Alabama. Findings may be used by ADPH and the CDC to inform capacity-building efforts for tobacco prevention in Alabama.

**Will you receive compensation for participating?** There is no compensation for participating in this study.

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



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**If you change your mind about participating**, you can withdraw at any time by closing your browser window. Once you've submitted anonymous data, it cannot be withdrawn since it will be unidentifiable. Your decision about whether or not to participate or to stop participating will not jeopardize your future relations with Auburn University, ADPH, or the CDC.

**Any data obtained in connection with this study will remain anonymous.** We will protect your privacy and the data you provide by storing survey responses on Dr. Hohmann's password-protected computer in a locked office within a building controlled with key-card access (Auburn University Walker Building). Downloaded survey response files will be stored in the Auburn University (AU) Box by Dr. Hohmann; AU Box is a secure online data storage system that uses enhanced security measures including 2-factor authentication and high-strength encryption. No personally identifiable information (name, email, phone number, mailing address, IP address) will be collected as part of this survey. Anonymous information collected through your participation may be published in a professional journal, and/or presented at a professional meeting. Any information published or presented from this study will be in combined form and will not identify individual participants.

**If you have questions about this study**, please contact Dr. Natalie Hohmann at [NSH0010@auburn.edu](mailto:NSH0010@auburn.edu) or 334-844-4082.

**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](mailto:IRBadmin@auburn.edu) or [IRBChair@auburn.edu](mailto:IRBChair@auburn.edu).

HAVING READ THE INFORMATION ABOVE, YOU MUST DECIDE IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS RESEARCH STUDY. IF YOU DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE CLICK "YES" BELOW. YOU MAY PRINT A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO KEEP.

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