



MedFest Clinical Director Online Training

Special Olympics Healthy Athletes is excited to announce the official launch of the new online MedFest Clinical Director Training. The training, which is comprised of 6 modules and based on the in-person MedFest training, is designed to provide an overview of the Special Olympics Healthy Athletes Program as well as provide detailed instructions on how to coordinate a successful MedFest event. Additionally, the training provides important information for healthcare providers about delivering care to individuals with Intellectual Disabilities generally. At the end of the modules, the trainees will take a brief exam on the material covered in the modules. If they pass the exam (and their CV has been approved – see below), they will be certified as a Clinical Director and can implement MedFest events in coordination with their local Special Olympics Programs.

We hope by providing the training online it will make it easier and more efficient for Programs to recruit MedFest CDs and host MedFest screenings in their communities, but we understand there may be some questions and concerns about this new process. Below we have tried to anticipate and answer some of these questions.

1. How do Programs/Clinical Directors access the online Training?

- a) If you are interested in having a new Clinical Director trained through the online training, please contact the SOI MedFest Manager, Peyton Purcell (ppurcell@specialolympics.org), and submit a CV/resume for the potential Clinical Director. Once the Global Medical Advisor has reviewed and approved the trainee, the trainee will receive instructions for accessing the online training.
- b) MedFest Clinical Directors must be a licensed MD, DO, physician assistant, or registered nurse practitioner, and must commit to helping with MedFest events for 3 years.

NOTE: We would also encourage Special Olympics health staff to take the training as a general reference since it is an excellent overview of MedFest and the new Medical Form. If you are interested, contact Peyton and she will send you the instructions to access the training.

2. What if our Program already has a MedFest Clinical Director?

- a) We would still encourage you to have your Clinical Director take the online training for two reasons: (1) it is a great refresher; (2) the training shows how to use the new Medical form as a part of the MedFest screening. *All Programs will be expected to use the new Medical Form at official, SOI-funded MedFest events starting in 2016.*

3. Can the Clinical Director get Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit for taking the training?

- a) Yes, the training has been accredited by the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) for 2.5 hours of prescribed credit.

4. Is there still an opportunity to talk with Dr. Holder (the Global Medical Advisor) and other trainees?

- a) To still allow for the Q&A exchange with SOI and Dr. Matthew Holder, we will host quarterly “office hour conference calls” for any interested recently trained Clinical Directors.

5. Is the training available in other languages?

- a) We are in the process of getting the subtitles translated into the official languages of Special Olympics, but it may take some time. We apologize for the delay.

If you have any other questions about the training or about MedFest, please contact the Senior Manager for MedFest, Peyton Purcell, at ppurcell@specialolympics.org or 202-824-0287. You can also contact Peyton for a description of the Clinical Director role to assist in recruitment.

This training was designed and developed by Special Olympics International in collaboration with the American Association for Developmental Medicine and Dentistry (AADMD).