

Your Frequently Asked Questions: Mini Med School Virtually Live

Do you have additional questions? Check out the FAQ below or contact researchevents@phsa.ca.

- **What do we expect from a Mini Med School participant?**

We're excited to have you in our unique program that connects you with the amazing researchers and healthcare professionals at BC Children's Hospital!

You've been selected from over 1000 high school students across the province to participate. As a valued member of this program, we ask that you follow these guidelines:

- **Respect & Inclusivity** – All participants and our Mini Med School Faculty should be treated with kindness and respect, regardless of differences in opinions, background, or experiences
- **Engagement & Participation** – Come ready to learn! You will have the opportunity to ask questions online to the presenters
- **Punctuality & Attendance** – Be mindful of the schedule. Plan to sign in on time and stay for the entire session
- **Professional Etiquette** – This is your chance to interact virtually with health science experts. It's important to be respectful and professional at all times

Please note that not following these guidelines could result in your removal from the program.

- **How will you communicate with me over the next few weeks?**

Each week, you will receive a weekly newsletter with additional information on session topics, speaker details and important updates. ***Please be sure to check your email's junk folder if you don't see any emails in your inbox by October 21.***

All the information you will need to participate in Mini Med School will also be available on our Mini Med School Hub: <https://bcchr.ca/MMS2025>.

- **When is Mini Med School being held?**

Mini Med School is being held on the following evenings:

- **[Session #1: Wednesday, October 22, 2025](#)**
Let's Talk About Med School (*Optional*): 6:00 – 6:30 pm | Lecture: 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- **[Session #2: Wednesday, October 29, 2025](#)** | 6:30 – 8:00 pm
Let's Talk About Med School (*Optional*): 6:00 – 6:30 pm | Lecture: 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- **[Session #3: Wednesday, November 5, 2025](#)** | 6:30 – 8:00 pm
- **[Session #4: Wednesday, November 12, 2025](#)** | 6:30 – 8:00 pm

- **What is Let's Talk About Med School on Wednesday, October 22 & 29th?**

Let's Talk About Med School is a chance to chat with a current medical student and clinical resident about their unique paths to medical school—so come with your questions! Participation is optional. If you'd prefer not to take part, you're welcome to arrive in time for the lecture, which begins promptly at 6:30 pm.

- **How do I connect?**

Mini Med School is being broadcasted on Zoom. The session links will be emailed to you each week in our weekly newsletter and will be available on our Mini Med School Hub: <https://bcchr.ca/MMS2025>.

When you click the Zoom link, you'll be placed in a waiting room automatically. Please be patient, the Mini Med School Team will admit you shortly, and this may take a few minutes.

Please note: you need to watch the ENTIRE session for it to be counted towards your attendance.

See the last pages for more tips on navigating Zoom for Mini Med School.

- **What happens if I'm sick one evening and won't be able to watch online from 6:30 – 8:00 pm?**

Registered students are expected to participate in all available sessions, but we understand things can happen. If you can't attend a session, please contact researchevents@phsa.ca ASAP. You will be sent a link to the recorded content and will be expected to catch up. If you watch the recorded content by their respective deadlines (listed below), this will not affect your attendance or application for the [Mini Med School Scholarship](#).

If you're catching up virtually, you must watch the entire recording (the full 90 minutes) in order to have it count towards attendance. The deadlines to watch the recordings are listed below. Your attendance will not be reflected properly if you only watch part of the recording, or if you complete it after the respective deadline.

- Session #1: *Recording not available*
- Session #2: Watch the recording by Sunday, November 9
- Session #3: Watch the recording by Sunday, November 16
- Session #4: Watch the recording by Sunday, November 23

- **What should you expect at Mini Med School?**

Similar to a post-secondary class, Mini Med School is lecture-based, with each session building on concepts introduced previously. With just four evenings to cover new scientific topics, participants should be prepared for a fast-paced learning experience. The interactive elements will be minimal.

- **Will I have a chance to ask the Mini Med School Faculty questions?**

Yes! We will have designated question periods each evening. You will have the opportunity to ask questions online and upvote questions. Please note: our faculty presenters may not have time to answer every question.

- **What type of pre-reading is required?**

Nothing! Our curriculum is designed to accommodate participants who have little or no existing knowledge on these topics. There will be no homework or tests at the end of the day.

- **Will I be provided with a Certificate of Participation? How will that work?**

Participants may request an electronic certificate of participation if they watched at least 3 sessions (the complete 90 minutes for each session). More details on how to request one will be emailed after the program.

- **What should I do if I need to cancel my spot?**

If you need to cancel for any reason, please contact researchevents@phsa.ca ASAP. We do have an extensive waitlist for Mini Med School and limited seats available. If you let us know you cannot attend, we can make sure another student can participate.

- **What is the Mini Med School Scholarship?**

Funded by BC Children's Hospital Foundation, each [Mini Med School Scholarship](#) includes \$1,000 CAD to go towards tuition fees and an optional in-person career placement at BC Children's Hospital Research Institute for one week. You can learn more about applying for the scholarship [here](#).

- **Can Mini Med School be counted towards my work experience requirements if I participate virtually?**

Mini Med School could be classified as an unpaid career-related work experience that includes career investigation. We encourage you to verify this with your school or career counsellor. Forms can be sent to researchevents@phsa.ca for electronic signature before or after the event.

- **What is Mini Med School *not*?**

We are not a career fair. While our Mini Med School Faculty is always happy to answer questions about their career path and advice for future students, they can't answer questions regarding admission requirements for any university. These vary between schools, fields of study and work levels.

- **What other opportunities exist for students interested in health sciences?**

You can learn more about opportunities for students in health sciences [here](#). To stay up-to-date with BC Children's Hospital Research Institute outreach programs, [subscribe to our newsletter](#).

Tips for Navigating Zoom for Mini Med School

- Where will you find the session links? <https://bcchr.ca/MMS2025> or in your weekly newsletter
- What devices can you use to join the session? Computers, tablets and smartphones
- Who do you contact for technical support? researchevents@phsa.ca
- Will your camera or microphone be on during the session? No, both will be disabled
- Can you pause or speed up the session while watching? No, sessions are live. A recording link will be shared after if you'd like to rewatch
- Can I use the Zoom chat to talk to other participants? No, you'll only be able to chat with the Mini Med School Team
- Do I need a Zoom account or to download the Zoom app? No, you can watch Zoom through a web browser without an account

How is Attendance Tracked?

Zoom automatically tracks your attendance during each session. The Mini Med School Team will use this data to confirm your participation in all the sessions — *this is a requirement to be eligible for the Mini Med School Scholarship or to receive a Certificate of Participation.*

Zoom generates a report that includes:

- Your display name
- The time you joined and left the meeting
- The total time you spent in the session

! Your Zoom display name must match the name you used to register for Mini Med School !

If the names don't match, your attendance may not be recorded properly.

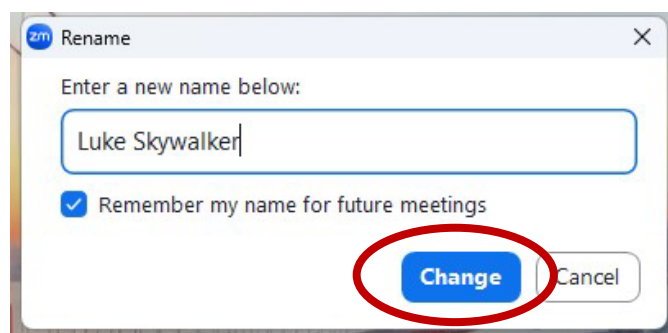
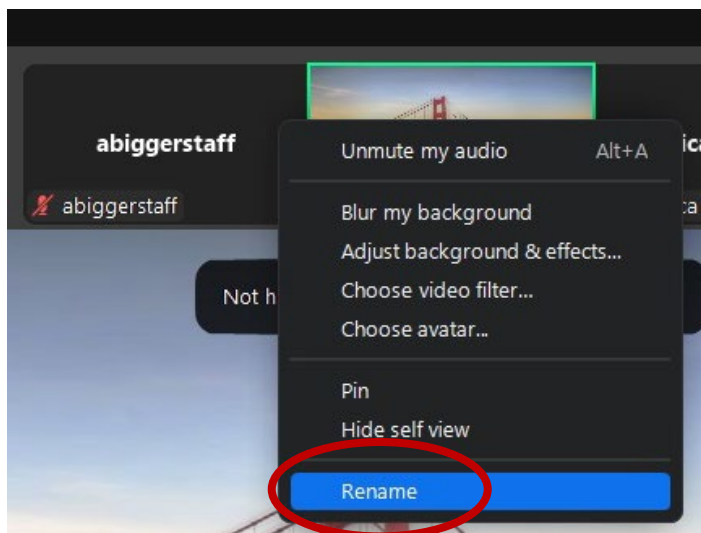
How to Check or Change Your Display Name

To see your display name before joining a session:

- When you click the Zoom link and the launch window appears, your display name will be shown.

To change your display name after you've joined the meeting:

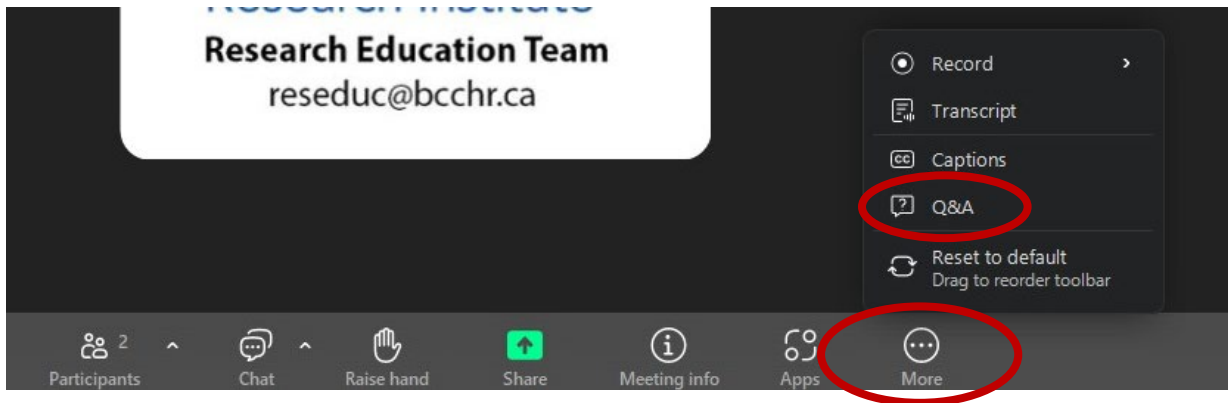
- Click on your Zoom profile picture (black rectangle with your current display name)
- Select "Rename" from the drop-down menu
- Enter your correct name and click the "Change" button



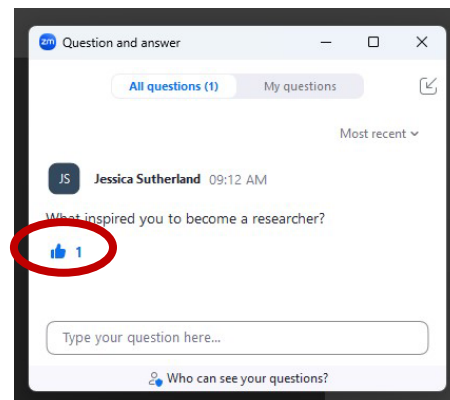
Asking and Upvoting Questions

To ask a question:

- Click the “Q&A” button at the bottom of your Zoom window
- A box will pop up where you can type your question. *Please note: to help the Mini Med School Team, all questions are public, and your name will be visible to others*



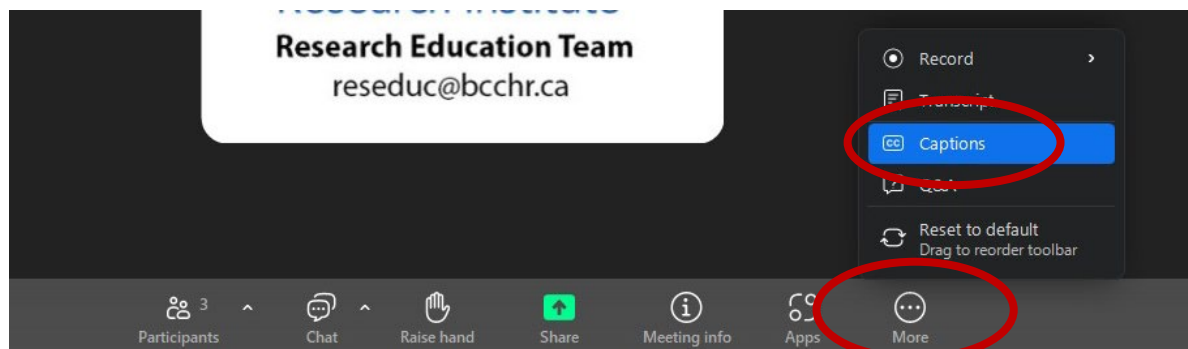
See a question you like? Click the thumbs-up icon next to it to upvote and increase its chances of being answered.



View Captions

To turn on captions:

- Click the “Live Transcript” or “Show Captions” icon at the bottom of your Zoom screen.



Adjusting Your layout

For a clearer viewing experience, you can hide all the non-video participants (these are the black boxes with names in them). Please note: not everyone will see this option

- From the top-right corner, click the view button
- Select “Hide Non-video Participants” to reduce on-screen distractions

