

Resources for Physicians Treating Patients with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD)

A Catholic Social Tradition



Communication

[IDD Toolkit](#) -Vanderbilt University

Tools developed for best practices for primary care physicians when working with individuals with IDD, including tools for effective communication and resources for free use

[Overcoming Communication Barriers](#) - The University of Melbourne

A review discussing formal and informal communication strategies used by individuals with IDD in a doctor's office

[Communicating Effectively with People who Have a Disability](#) – North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities
From NDCPD, notes on communication for not only IDD, but other disability groups as well

Transportation

Check with nonprofit and faith-based organizations within your local community, such as YMCA, Salvation Army, local churches or universities to see what services are available.



For help or additional questions, go to The National Aging and Disability Transportation Center. This organization promotes the availability of transportation options for older adults, those with disabilities, and their caregivers. Contact at: www.nadtc.org or (866)-983-3222

Continuing Medical Education and Research

Relias Academy

A CME company that has three programs relating IDD healthcare: Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities, Applied Behavior Analysis & Autism, and Special Education & Schools

Medical schools and medical societies will periodically put on online seminars or CME courses. Search terms such as "CME", "IDD", and "intellectual disability" to find them.

The American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) has periodic webinars, and all past webinars can be accessed on their [archives](#).

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[Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching \(USCCB\)](#)

[Pastoral Statement of U.S. Catholic Bishops on Persons with Disabilities](#)

[Pope Francis Homily on the Jubilee of the Sick and Disabled](#)

Prayer to St. Luke the Evangelist, Patron Saint of Physicians

Most charming and saintly Physician, you were animated by the heavenly Spirit of love. In faithfully detailing the humanity of Jesus, you also showed his divinity and his genuine compassion for all human beings. Inspire our physicians with your professionalism and with the divine compassion for their patients. Enable them to cure the ills of both body and spirit that afflict so many in our day.

Amen.

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