



Children and adults needed for study on motor behavior in autism

What are the goals of this research study?

Because the social and communication symptoms of autism are so striking, other aspects of behavior and development have received less attention in research studies and clinical practice. We are starting a new study to understand motor behavior – how we move our bodies – in people with and without autism spectrum disorder (ASD). We hope that a better understanding of motor behavior and communication in ASD will improve our ability to diagnose and treat this complex disorder.

Who can be a part of this research study?

Children ages 6 months and up, and adults up to age 89 may enroll. Children and adults with *and without* an ASD diagnosis may participate.

What will participants be asked to do?

If eligible, families will be invited to visit the Center for Autism Research at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Visits will be scheduled to be convenient for families taking part.

Participants in the research study will receive intelligence (IQ) testing, and testing related to ASD symptoms. Parents will be asked to answer questionnaires over the phone, in person, and on paper. Participants will also complete a set of activities related to motor skills – for example, things like walking, pantomiming familiar activities, and playing games that involve movement.

Families will be compensated for their time.

What are the benefits of taking part in this research study?

Families will receive a brief written summary of their test results.

I want to help! Who do I call?

If you have any questions or would like to join the research study, please contact:

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lead the way.