

Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders

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Frequently Asked Questions

The Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders (CASD) is deeply involved in leading research to learn more about autism and potential treatment methods. None of this would be possible, however, without the participation of families. Below please find general answers to some of the most frequently asked questions of our study participants.

First Steps to Participate in CASD Research:

1. Contact CASD: call 301-765-5425 or email autism@childrensnational.org
2. Learn Study Details
3. Be Evaluated for Eligibility
4. Consent to Participate

Who can participate in our research?

Each clinical research study has different requirements that determine whether a child can participate. These requirements are called "inclusion" and "exclusion" criteria. The criteria are used to help researchers identify appropriate study participants. Parents of potential participants are interviewed by phone and/or in person to determine if they meet eligibility criteria.

What is informed consent?

Prior to participating in a research study, study staff will inform the participant and/or their parents about the study, the potential risks and benefits of their participation.

What is the time commitment?

Time commitment varies with each study. Some studies take one or more hours during a day, while other studies take a week or several months. Some other studies can be done online.

How much does it cost to participate? Will my insurance company be billed?

There is no cost to you or your insurance company for participating in our research studies.

Will I be compensated for my time?

You will be compensated for your time and have access to free parking.

When do I receive payment for participating in the study?

For participating in our research studies, you will receive a debit card or an electronic gift card code. You will be given a debit card, ClinCard, at the end of your appointment, and it will be activated up to two business days (Monday-Friday) after your appointment. If you receive an electronic gift card code, it will arrive via email up to two business days (Monday-Friday) after your appointment.

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When I went to use my ClinCard, it asked me to choose credit or debit, which one should I choose?

We recommend selecting credit, rather than debit, at the time of your first purchase. Selecting debit is possible, but you will then be required to setup a PIN number through the ClinCard system online and will not be able to complete your purchase until this process has been completed.

Will I receive a research report?

Yes, you will receive a research report, if you request it.

When can I expect to receive my child's report?

Turnaround times vary by study and are dependent on factors such as the completeness of all parent and child measures, current volume of participants, and whether a diagnostic assessment, such as the ADOS-2, was administered. Once requested, CASD Research Staff aims for you to receive your research report within 4-6 weeks.

Can I use my child's research report to obtain school services?

The research report is typically not sufficient to obtain educational or psychological school services for your child. Due to the nature of research participation, our clinicians often do not have extended in-person interactions with your child and only see them in a very limited, controlled setting. You are more than welcome to share your research report with your child's educational team, though it does not carry the same weight as a comprehensive neuropsychological evaluation from our Department of Neuropsychology.

May I schedule a consultation with a psychologist to discuss the results reported in my child's research report?

You are welcome to schedule a consultation appointment with a Children's National psychologist and use the research report as a jumping off point for this consultation. Such clinical services would be billable.

To make an appointment for a more extensive examination, please call: 301-765-5432.

My child has already been seen at Children's clinically, can you use the data from that appointment, so I do not have to fill out more forms?

Our studies have different standards regarding the usability of past evaluations. Check with the study coordinator to verify any time restrictions. If your child's evaluation qualifies for research use, you will be asked to complete an "Authorization for Release of Information" form provided to you by the study staff.

I have friends with children who would be a great fit for this study. Can I share your info with them?

Yes! You are more than welcome to spread the word about our current research opportunities.