



Early Detection of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Research Studies

The PA Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the PA Medical Home Initiative are collaborating with the A.J. Drexel Autism Institute at Drexel University on two research studies that aim to improve early detection of autism spectrum disorder (ASD). We are looking for primary care physicians that care for toddlers within a 90 minute drive of 30th Street Station in Philadelphia, PA and are inviting you to participate.

The facts:

- Recent data estimates that about 1 in 68 children has been identified with an ASD
- Research suggests that early intervention improves outcomes
- Diagnosis of ASD at age 2 can be accurate, however the average age of diagnosis of ASD is after age 4
- AAP recommends screening for all children at 18 and 24 months

Your role as a provider:

- Agree to offer the study to every parent/caregiver of a child from 12-21 months old at well child visits per Bright Futures schedule
- Invite parents/caregivers to complete brief (5-10 minutes) screenings
- You and your staff must be willing to participate in educational sessions (may confer CME credit)

Benefits:

- Streamline screening in accordance with AAP recommendations
- Opportunity to receive CME credit or educational session certificates
- Families with toddlers at risk for ASD will be offered clinical evaluations at no cost at Drexel University or in our mobile assessment unit
- The clinical evaluations will include a diagnosis, full report for the family, and recommendation for early intervention at no cost

Once you agree to participate, Dr. Robins or one of her research associates will ask to attend a staff meeting in your office. She will provide a brief overview of the study.

If you are interested in participating in one of these studies, please contact Dr. Diana Robins at the A.J. Drexel Autism Institute for further enrollment details. We thank you for your time and look forward to working with you. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact either Dr. Robins or Lauren Orsini:

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