

Children and teens with Autism Spectrum Disorders needed for research study

A team of researchers is seeking children and teens with Autism Spectrum Disorders who have recently been hospitalized. We want to hear about their experiences of hospital care, as well as the experiences of their parents and health-care providers.

Who is eligible to participate?

1. Children/teens who:
 - have been diagnosed with any form of Autism Spectrum Disorder
 - are between 6 and 18 years of age
 - have been hospitalized for at least two days within the last three months at either SickKids in Toronto or the Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton.
 - are able to communicate verbally or have some means of verbal communication
2. The parents and/or caregivers of these children/teens
3. Paediatric nurses, physicians or other health-care staff who provided care to the children/teens in the hospital

What will you be asked to do?

- Take part in an hour-long interview
- Parents will also be asked to complete a short questionnaire

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