



Autism Research at York

Participants Needed for Autism Studies



What is Autism?

Autism is a brain disorder that lasts throughout a person's life and affects the ability to communicate, form relationships with others, and respond appropriately to the environment typically by 3 years of age. Many genes may be involved in autism to various degrees and determine the severity of symptoms.

Why is our study important?

The identification of autism genes is a major milestone in autism research. Genes might have a defect or might be affected by environmental influences. The goals of our study is to identify genes that contribute to various symptoms seen in autism to improve our understanding of children with autism so new diagnostic tool and more effective treatment can be developed earlier in life.



Would you like to help?

Autism is a puzzle to which we do not have all the pieces. You might help us to connect the pieces of the puzzle together to improve our understanding of what is different or missing in the brain of children with autism. Your participation is the key to the success of our study. The results of this study may benefit many affected children and their families in the future.

Want to participate?

We are currently seeking children of all ages (birth to adulthood) diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders for our genetic study. You and your child can enrol. Participation is voluntary, and confidential. We will collect a sample from the mouth with a swab, which is safe and non-invasive and will only take a few minutes.



Need to contact us?

If you are interested in participating or want to know more about the study, please contact:

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