National Institute of Mental Health
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Patient Recruitment - Pediatric Disorders

Autism Spectrum Disorders (Pediatric) Research Study

"1. Clinical and Immunological Investigations of Subtypes of Autism"

Protocol Information
Detailed Protocol Description

The purpose of this study is to learn more about autism and its subtypes. We will look at several types of medical issues, including immunologic problems. As a "natural history" study, children will be followed over the course of several years. We aim to capture medical problems that may be related to autism over time, and study outcomes in areas such as behavior and language.

Three groups of children ages 1-4 years (12 months-60 months)will be included: children with autism, children with developmental delay, and typically developing children. Within the autism group, we are specifically interested in both children with a history of early onset of autism, as well as children with a history of regressive autism. An initial comprehensive evaluation will be conducted, and elements of these assessments will be repeated every 6 to 12 months, depending on the child's age. After the screening assessment, participants will have a medical history, physical exam and developmental evaluation. Participants will also have a comprehensive medical workup. Parents of participants will complete questionnaires about family history and their child's development and will be asked to participate in a genetic study.

To find out if you qualify or for more information, please call (301) 435-7962 or email at NIMH-ASD@mail.nih.gov.

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