

# Participate in Research: Parent experiences of community-based autism spectrum disorder diagnostic assessments performed by general paediatricians



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**Do you have a child who was recently diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) by a general paediatrician? Participate in our study exploring parental or guardian experiences of ASD diagnostic assessments.**

### **What is this study about?**

Our team is performing interviews with parents or guardians of children who have been newly diagnosed with ASD by general paediatricians in the community in Ontario. We want to know more about what the process is like for families and about the role of community general paediatricians in ASD diagnosis.

### **Who can participate?**

We are looking for:

- **Parents or guardians** of children with ASD diagnosed in the last **6 months**
- Families who received a **diagnosis from a general paediatrician in a community clinic** (i.e. not psychologist, psychiatrist or developmental paediatrician)

### **What's involved?**

- Parents or guardians will undergo an interview (approximately 60 minutes) about their experience with diagnostic assessment
- Interviews can be done in-person at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital or by telephone

### **Potential Benefits?**

- There are no direct benefits from participating in this study for you and your family, but we believe that other families will benefit from helping to increase our understanding of how to improve ASD diagnosis

### **Potential Risks?**

- It is unlikely that there will be any serious risks associated with participating in the study

Participants will receive a \$25 gift card to Indigo.ca as appreciation for their time.