

Participate in Research

POND-Network: Province of Ontario Neurodevelopmental Disorders Network



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Are you interested in science and research? Do you want to help scientists understand Autism and other Neurodevelopmental Disorders?

What is this study about:

We are collecting information to help in our understanding of how genes, brain and bodies are different if a person has a Neurodevelopmental disorder or is typically developing. We need to recruit typically developing children to participate in the study as control subjects.

Who can participate?

We are looking for Typically Developing/Control Children:

- between 2 and 21 years old
- born after 35 weeks of pregnancy
- not diagnosed with a developmental, psychiatric or neurological disorder

What's involved?

We ask participants to:

- provide a genetic sample (blood draw or spit kit and cheek swab)
- complete some assessments
- parents complete questionnaires and an interview

In addition you have an opportunity to do an MRI brain scan at SickKids, and will receive a picture of their brain! Assessments and questionnaires will take between 3-4hrs of your time and we can accommodate morning, day or evenings appointments – whatever is easiest for you!

What are the benefits of participating?

- Participants will receive a \$20.00 gift certificate upon completion of the study
- You can also receive volunteer hours for school.
- Parking or TTC costs will also be reimbursed.
- Your involvement will help doctors come up with better ways to help people with disorders who may want treatment.

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