

Participate in Research

Accuracy of community pediatricians' diagnosis of developmental concerns compared to a multi-disciplinary team assessment



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Do you want to find out how accurately you diagnose children with developmental concerns?

What is this study about?

We are studying how we identify and diagnose children with developmental concerns in Ontario. The study asks whether community general pediatricians reach the same diagnostic conclusion as sub-specialists in the field of child-development.

Who can participate?

We are looking for pediatricians in the community around Ontario who receive at least one referral per month for developmental concerns

What's involved?

- You will provide us with your diagnostic results for patients who meet eligibility criteria to be part of our study.
- The eligibility criteria include families who agree to participate in the study, where the child is under the age of 5 years and 6 months and who are referred to you with certain concerns.
- We will seek consent from 10 of your patients who meet the eligibility criteria.
- Holland Bloorview will communicate the results to the parents, and provide you with the assessment report.
- We will advise that the family obtains a clinical decision from you afterwards.

What are the risks of participating?

- For some of your patients that are involved in the study, you may be asked to delay disclosing your assessment results until our team has completed their assessment.
- However, the delay will be limited to a maximum of 2 weeks.
- Families who agree to participate will be made aware of the potential delay.

What are the benefits of participating?

- You may benefit from the individualized feedback provided to by our research team.
- This research will help us understand how pediatricians in Ontario diagnose developmental disorders.
- You will receive a \$50 gift card as a token of appreciation for participating in this study.
- Families will receive a \$25 gift card as a token of appreciation for participating in our study. They will also be compensated for public transportation or parking fees. If the families are travelling more than 150 km from Holland Bloorview we will reimburse them \$0.45/km plus one night's accommodation (maximum \$175) up to a maximum of \$500 per participant.