### Participate in Research:

A Randomized Placebo-**C**ontrolled Trial of Sertraline vs. Placebo in the Treatment of **A**nxiety in Children and Ado**L**escents with Neurodevelop**M**ental Disorders

# **Blcorview** RESEARCH INSTITUTE

# Principal Investigator: Dr. Evdokia Anagnostou

# Holland Bloorview Kids Rehab Hospital



# CONTACT INFORMATION:

For more information, contact Karly Janisse at 416 425 6220 x 3297 or kjanisse@hollandbloorview.ca

Date Posted: 14Apr2025

Version Date: [V.4] 03Apr2025 Kids and Beyond-NeuroDevelopmental Trials Network (KINDtrials), Réseau KINDtrials-Essais Neurodéveloppementaux pour Tous, is researching genes, the brain, and behaviour to find potential treatments in neurodevelopmental disorders.

#### What is this study about?

We are currently studying a medication called sertraline to help reduce anxiety in children and teens with neurodevelopmental disorders!

#### Who can participate?

We are looking for:

- Children and teens between 8 and 17 years old
- Diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD), ADHD, Tic Disorders, or genetic diagnosis of Fragile X, tuberous sclerosis or 22q11 deletions
- Meet criteria for an anxiety disorder
- Able to tolerate venipuncture (bloodwork)

#### What's involved?

- This study is comparing sertraline against a placebo for reducing anxiety symptoms
- The trial is 16 weeks long
- There are 7 study visits
- Study procedures include bloodwork, smartwatch technology and questionnaires

#### **Potential Benefits?**

- Sertraline may help improve anxiety symptoms in children and adolescents.
- This research will help other children and families with neurodevelopmental disorders.

#### **Potential Risks?**

• The most common side effect is headache, nausea and dry mouth.

Participants will receive a gift card at each visit to thank them for their time.

## REB #: CTO-3573

Blcorview RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Canada's Only Hospital-Based Childhood Disability Research Institute

Kids Rehabilitation Hospital

Holland Bloorview