

THIS STUDY NO LONGER RECRUITING

Name of Study: Simons Simplex Collection Autism Research Study

Location: Emory University and the Marcus Autism Center, Atlanta, GA

Eligibility Criteria: Families with one child ages 4 or older with ASD or a suspected ASD diagnosis, preferably one or more child(ren) ages 4 or older without ASD, and both biological parents willing to participate

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The Simons Simplex Collection is following in the tradition set by the Autism Genetic Resource Exchange (AGRE) in setting up a biobank of psychological information and biological samples from families that have one child with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and at least one child with typical development that will be available to autism research scientists around the world. Children with ASD and their family members will receive a comprehensive assessment free of charge.

We are looking for families interested in helping researchers understand the genetic causes of ASD. The Emory University School of Medicine teamed with the Marcus Autism Center is one of 13 clinical centers in the U.S. and Canada that are recruiting families to participate in this work which is sponsored by the Simons Foundation. For additional information about the Simons Foundation which is dedicated to providing support to researchers studying ASDs see: www.simonsfoundation.org.

For this study, we are recruiting families who have:

- One child (age 4-17) with a known diagnosis of an ASD
- Child with ASD does NOT have Downs Syndrome or Fragile X
- One or more typically developing children age four years or older preferred
- Both biological parents available to participate
- No other family members have a diagnosis of an ASD

Through participating, your child with an ASD will receive a no-cost developmental assessment with a team of psychologists, genetics specialists, educational specialists, and a developmental pediatrician. A research summary that includes our findings as well as treatment recommendations will be provided after participation.

Additionally, participation in this study requires a blood draw from participating family members. Blood will be donated to the Simons Simplex Collection biobank. The Simons Simplex Collection obtains, stores, and distributes DNA to researchers who are studying the genetics of ASD. Through performing genetic analyses, we hope to discover information that will help us better understand and treat this disorder.

For more information about this study, please feel free to contact:

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Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

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