

Name of Study: Functional MRI study of self-produced tactile stimuli in adolescents with Autistic Disorder (GCO #08-0256, IRB approved through 4/2/09)

Location: The Seaver and NY Autism Center of Excellence at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY

Eligibility Criteria: Verbal children with Autism Spectrum Disorder who are not on medication, ages 12-17

Principal Investigator: Dr. David Grodberg

Contact Information: Nicole Feirsen, Research Coordinator; phone: (212)241-3692

Dear Parent,

I am writing this letter to offer your child an opportunity to participate in a research study at the Seaver and NY Autism Center of Excellence at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. This study involves a one time MRI scan to look at the brain activity of adolescents with an autism spectrum disorder in response to touch. We are recruiting verbally fluent children and adolescents who are not on any medications, ages 12-17.

The study includes diagnostic testing and a one time brain scan. For their participation, children will receive \$100.00; they will also receive a picture of their brain if they qualify for the study. You will also have the opportunity to receive a complete report of your child's diagnostic testing. There is no charge to participate in the study.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Nicole Feirsen, our clinical research coordinator, at (212)241-3692.

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance. We look forward to working with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Grodberg
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