

Name of Study: CARD Research Database

Location: Kennedy Krieger Institute, Baltimore, MD

Eligibility Criteria: Children who have completed a professional visit at the Kennedy Krieger Institute's Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD)

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Dear Parent,

We are recruiting all children who have completed a professional visit at CARD to participate in a research study at the Kennedy Krieger Institute (KKI) called the Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD) Research Database. The purpose of this new project is to create a database that will be used to increase our understanding of autism and accelerate autism research.

You can contribute to this resource by:

1. Providing a rich information resource to CARD researchers from the data already being collected in your child's KKI medical record during their routine care at our center.
2. Allowing the CARD Research Database research team to contact you about additional research projects for which you qualify for at KKI (optional).
3. Incorporating the wealth of additional information from your IAN family profile into the CARD Research Database (optional).

Only the CARD Research Database research team will be able to access the protected database.

This study involves filling out a brief consent form and registration form for your affected child, as well as for each family member. No further visits or forms are necessary.

You may contribute to researchers' understanding of autism and hear about studies you may be eligible for at KKI if you choose to participate. There are no direct medical benefits or significant risks to participating in this study, and there is no cost to you. If you choose not to participate, it will not affect your care at CARD, the Kennedy Krieger Institute or any other medical center, and will not affect your participation in the IAN Project. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kate Foster, our research coordinator, at (443) 923-4160 or cardresearch@kennedykrieger.org.

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

Sincerely,

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