

Name of Study: Risperidone Treatment in Children with ASD and High Levels of Repetitive Behaviors

Institution: University of California, Los Angeles - Autism Research Center

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Eligibility Criteria: Children with Autism, Aspergers or PDD, ages 8 through 16 years

Principal Investigator: James T. McCracken, M.D.

Contact Information: Jenny Cowen, Ph.D., Research Coordinator; phone: (310) 825-6170

Dear Parent,

I am writing this letter to offer your child an opportunity to participate in a research study at University of California, Los Angeles. The study is looking at a medication to treat repetitive behaviors in autism (stemming, hand flapping, perseverations, watching videos over and over, stuck on topics, etc.).

Children will get a full diagnostic evaluation, as well as cognitive testing. The study involves weekly visits to UCLA for 2 months, then monthly visits for 4 months. Improvement and potential side effects of the medication will be assessed by a study doctor. It also involves cognitive testing using computer games and paper and pencil tests, and an MRI scan of the brain. There is a chance the child will get assigned to the placebo (non-medicine) group for the first 8 weeks, but will still have the opportunity to get the medicine after this phase.

For their participation, children will receive \$25.00 per visit.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Jenny Cowen, Ph.D., our research coordinator, at (310) 825-6170.

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

Sincerely,

James T. McCracken, M.D.

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