

Name of Study: Identification of Characteristics Associated with Symptom Remission in Autism

Institution: National Institutes of Mental Health

Location: Bethesda, MD

Eligibility criteria for the autism group:

- Current diagnosis of autistic disorder
- 7-17 years old
- Initial diagnosis of autistic disorder before age 6
- Able to participate in study procedures

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Study Website: <http://patientinfo.nimh.nih.gov/AutismPediatric.aspx>

Dear Parent,

The purpose of this study is to better understand the characteristics of children diagnosed with autism who have improved so much that they no longer meet criteria for a diagnosis of autism. At this time, we are recruiting children who currently meet criteria for a diagnosis of autistic disorder. Our long term aim is to identify characteristics associated with symptom improvement that may guide future treatment intervention.

The study involves one inpatient and two outpatient visits that may occur over a few days or several weeks, depending on what works best for you and your family. The study involves an autism diagnostic evaluation, neuropsychological evaluation, and a neurological evaluation that will include an overnight EEG, sleep study, and an MRI scan of the brain. You will receive a summary of all clinically relevant study findings, including results of the neuropsychological exam.

We will pay for all travel expenses and lodging, and your child will be compensated for his or her time and participation associated with the study components. There is no charge to participate in the study.

If you are interested in participating, please contact our research coordinator at (301) 435-7962 (TTY 1-866-411-1010) or AutismOutcomeStudy@mail.nih.gov.

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

Sincerely,

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