

Name of Study: Autism Spectrum Disorders Risk Alert (ASDRA)

Location: Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY, and participant homes

Eligibility Criteria: Families with at least one child with autism between the ages of 12 and 30 months or where the presence of autism related risk indicators is suspected. Children between the ages of 12 and 30 months, who have an older sibling with ASD are also eligible.

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Dear Parent,

Autism Spectrum Disorders Risk Alert (ASDRA) is a new innovation in the delivery of health care that integrates video and text with data management tools to enhance clinical assessment. GeneticaLens is a media production and information services company specializing in providing clinical quality documentation of medical disorders. In ASDRA, GeneticaLens is collaborating with Dr. Deborah Fein (University of Connecticut), and Drs. Jeremy Silverman and Alexander Klevzon (Mount Sinai School of Medicine) to film children in the 12-30 month range. The main goal is to collect footage of typically developing children and children with or at risk for Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) in order to compare and contrast physical and behavioral characteristics that increase the risk of ASD. The final product will be a web-based database and educational tool that is compatible with a variety of media, including electronic medical records (EMR) and smart portable devices. ASDRA will be functional in many environments and deployable worldwide. Funds for this study come from the National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke, Grant # 2R44NS053046-02A1

The study involves a small film crew and research team coming to your house and filming interactions between your child, an assessor, you, and any other family members who would like to participate.

If interested please contact study coordinator Rebecca Schulman by phone at (212) 659-5655 or by email at Rebecca.Schulman@mssm.edu.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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