

Name of Study: Convergence in children and adolescents with autism (CICADA) study

Institution: The Eye Institute, Nova Southeastern University

Location: Fort Lauderdale, FL

Eligibility Criteria: Children with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD), as well as typically-developing children who do not have a sibling with ASD, ages 9 through 17 years

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Dear Parent,

I am writing this letter to offer your child an opportunity to participate in a research study at The Eye Institute of Nova Southeastern University. The study is exploring vision and sensory processing in autism.

The first step in the study is to determine eligibility. The parent confirms their child's ASD status through a review of the child's medical/educational records and completes the Social Communication Questionnaire (SCQ). The eligible child is then invited to complete an eye examination and answers questions about his or her sensory processing, while the parent answers questions about the child's behaviors and sensory processing. At this point, parents will receive a report of their child's sensory processing and each child will receive a \$5 Target gift card.

If the child needs new glasses, he or she will be provided with a new glasses prescription. The child will receive another \$5 Target gift card when he or she returns for vision testing after wearing their new glasses for a few weeks.

If the child shows signs of reduced convergence (an "eye teaming") problem, he or she will be invited to complete an occupational therapy study visit. The parent will receive a report outlining the results of the occupational therapy visit and the child will receive a \$15 Target gift card.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Rachel A. Coulter, OD at (954) 262-1438 or staceyco@nova.edu. Thank you in advance for your time and assistance. We look forward working with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

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