

RESEARCH STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Autism Identical Twin Study



We are studying genetic and other differences in identical twins that may be linked to autism. We are looking for families with identical twins (triplets or other multiples are okay, too) where **at least one twin** has been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. The families will answer questionnaires and provide biological samples for DNA analysis.

We are looking for families with a set of identical twins, where at least one twin has been diagnosed with autism, to participate in a research study.

Why participate?

Identical twins are a unique population. We think that by comparing twins with and without an autism spectrum disorder, we can learn more about how changes in DNA early in development might contribute to autism.

You may be eligible if:

- your family contains a set of identical twins (or other identical siblings)
- **at least one twin** has been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder
- the twins are at least four years old

What's involved?

- Answering questionnaires about behavior and development
- Providing a saliva sample (can be done at home)
- Providing a blood sample (can be done with your local doctor or at your next clinic visit to OHSU)
- We are offering \$100 to families who complete the study

For more information, please contact us at morotti@ohsu.edu or 503-494-2971.

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