



Motor functioning in autism and Asperger's disorder: Furthering current neurobehavioural and clinical definitions

We would like to invite your child to participate in a study of movement coordination.

Why?

Some young people with a range of difficulties (like autism and Asperger's disorder) report difficulties with coordination and body movements. Sometimes, these difficulties might affect their ability to do things, like join in sports activities.

We want to know how common these movement difficulties are. We also want to understand them in more detail – so that we can use this information to better understand the movement difficulties young people with autism and Asperger's disorder experience.

You have been invited to participate in this research project because your child (aged 3-7 years) has been diagnosed with autism, or has been identified as an appropriate control participant for comparing with children with autism.

What would your participation involve?

Participation in this project will involve attending two sessions, each lasting approximately two hours. During these sessions, your child will participate in a full cognitive (IQ) assessment. Your child will also participate in various activities focused on movement, including games and computer based tasks. Most children find these activities fun and enjoyable.

Each child will receive a **Certificate of Participation** for taking part in this research.

***A report summarizing the assessment results will be available to clinical participants**

Research Findings

At the conclusion of this project, you will be mailed a summary detailing the main findings from this project.

Your rights

Your identity and details will be kept confidential at all times (we won't tell anyone) and it's OK to change your mind at any time – no pressure.

The ethical aspects of this research project have been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of Monash University and Southern Health.

Interested or want to know more?

Please call Ariane Dowd on Ph. 9501 2413 (leave a message) or

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Return the Reply Paid envelope with your details and I will contact you