



# HERO STUDY: FAQs

**Does my child need to have an autism diagnosis?**

YES! Your child will need to have a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder.

**Does my child need to have an ADHD diagnosis?**

No.

**Does my child need to have an anxiety diagnosis?**

No.

**What is the goal of the HERO study?**

We are looking at the overlap between autism, ADHD and anxiety. We hope this study can help us better understand how to support all autistic individuals achieve their greatest potential.

**What happens if my child does not meet eligibility criteria from in person evaluation?**

If your child no longer qualifies at any point, we will let you know and your participation will end. You are also able to withdraw at any time if you need to. You will be compensated for the time you were in the study.

**How long is each visit?**

The length of your visits will depend on how many visits you have. Most virtual visits for parent interviews are less than 2 hours and in-person visits are 2.5–4 hours. We will tailor the number of visits and times to the needs of your child and your family.

**Will the EEG hurt my child?**

No. The EEG is a painless part of the study that involves a net of sponges dipped in baby shampoo and warm water that is placed on your child's scalp. It may feel damp, but does not cause pain.

**What information can I get from the EEG?**

Our EEGs are not clinical. This means that we will not be able to report specific information about your individual child, instead we will combine the EEG information from your child with other children in the study to get a better understanding of how their brains respond to pictures and videos as a group. Click [here](#) <Link to EEG FAQs> for more information

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**When can I enter my child in the HERO study?**

The HERO study anticipates enrollment will begin in February 2022. If you are interested, feel free to e-mail us at [autismresearch@duke.edu](mailto:autismresearch@duke.edu) so we can get you screened for eligibility.

**How many visits will there be?**

We will work with you to pick the best visit schedule possible for your family. We have options for 2 or 3 in-person visits. There will also be 1 remote parent interview and we have the ability to do the initial consent portion of the study remotely as well.

**What kind of things will we do during the visits?**

Your child will play some games and do some activities with our staff and clinicians. Your child will also play with you during some portions. There are video based activities as well as the EEG. Parents will be asked to complete surveys and there will be a parent interview.

**Will we be compensated for the time spent?**

Yes. We provide compensation through a Duke Clincard. Your child will receive a small toy after each visit and will receive a Super Hero certificate at the end.

**What happens if we no longer wish to participate after joining the study?**

This is a completely voluntary study. Please communicate at any point when you no longer wish to participate.

**If my child has self injurious behaviors, can I still sign them up?**

The short answer-Yes. The severity of a child's S.I.Bs will determine if it is feasible for them to participate in the study to completion. We have to take into consideration time restraints and task demands of the study. We will discuss all of this with you and join with you in seeing if you believe your child is able to complete the study.

**How will I learn about the findings from the study?**

All participants will receive updates about new publications concerning studies they have participated in. Our center website is a great way to keep up to date as well! [autismcenter.duke.edu](http://autismcenter.duke.edu)

**Who do I contact if I have more questions?**

Please email our study team at: [autismresearch@duke.edu](mailto:autismresearch@duke.edu).

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