



Is there a connection between Autism and Autoimmune Disorders?

5 hours over 2 visits

ESTIMATED TIME COMMITMENT

Male, 18-50 years

MAY BE ELIGIBLE

Payment up to \$75

MAY BE OFFERED



Blood draw, Survey

MAY BE REQUIRED

The Lurie Center for Autism is recruiting for a research study investigating autoimmune disorders and how they relate to autism spectrum disorder (ASD). If interested, please complete a prescreen survey: <https://redcap.link/asd-autoimmune>

I Am Interested

Enrollment for this study is
expected to close on
Wednesday, March 4, 2026

● Massachusetts General Hospital

● Autism Spectrum Disorder

● Autoimmune Diseases

Overview

What we are studying

We would like to determine whether there is a higher rate of autoimmune disorders in individuals with ASD and their family members compared to individuals without ASD and their family members.

Why it is important

Identifying a specific subtype of ASD that is characterized by the presence of significant familial autoimmunity could provide the foundation for developing more targeted treatments for ASD.

What we hope to accomplish

We are hopeful that this information will allow for the development of more targeted interventions which may be critical in improving the quality of life for individuals affected by ASD and their family members.

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Click "[I Am Interested](#)" to get started. If you have questions, contact:

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Who can participate

Males with ASD between the ages of 18-50 years old. Participation of at least one study partner (a biological parent or full sibling) is required.

What you may be asked to do

Participants and their study partner will complete a virtual or in-person screening visit and blood draw. The study partner will complete questionnaires about the participant's health as well as their own health, which may be completed remotely.

Project activities may include:

- Blood draw
- Survey

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What You May Get

Participants may receive up to \$75.00 if all study procedures are completed. The study partner may receive up to \$75.00 if all study procedures are completed.

Location

Lurie Center for
Autism (optional)
Lexington, MA

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MGB Lab for Blood
Draw

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Travel

- Parking available

Travel and Parking Details

Additional Information

Project Website

<https://redcap.link/asd-autoimmune>

Participating Institutions

- [Massachusetts General Hospital](#)

Funding Source

- Department

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