

ADOS-2 Testing

The Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule, Second Edition (ADOS-2) is considered the “gold standard” in ASD diagnosis.

This assessment is designed to evaluate symptoms of ASD relating to communication, social interaction, play, and restricted/repetitive behaviors.

The ADOS-2 can be used to assess individuals as young as 12 months through adulthood.

Call to learn more!

We can do this together.

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Autism Spectrum Disorder



What is Autism Spectrum Disorder?

Autism (ASD) can affect how people interact with others, communicate, learn, and behave.

ASD is a neurological and developmental disorder. Although Autism can be diagnosed at any age, it is described as a “developmental disorder” because symptoms can begin to appear in the first two years of life.

An ASD diagnosis requires that a person experiences:

- Difficulty with communication and interaction with others
- Restricted interests and repetitive behaviors

Symptoms

Communication

Difficulty understanding and/or responding to social cues

Poor eye contact

Difficulty understanding slang or sarcasm

Preference for being alone

Delayed speech or language skills

Misunderstanding gestures or the intentions of others

Difficulty understanding the emotions of others

Restriction and Repetition

Hyperfocus and interest in a specific topic

Repetitive movements, such as hand flapping, rocking, spinning

Sensitivity to the way things sound, smell, taste, feel, or look

Feeling distress when a routine is not followed

Using items in a non-functional way, such as lining them up

Diagnosing



Start with a Screening

The first step to getting a diagnosis is a symptom questionnaire or checklist. A doctor, school counselor, or therapist can offer this.

ADOS-2 Evaluation

The ADOS-2 is a standardized assessment created to accurately diagnose and assess ASD. This is considered the most accurate way to get a diagnosis.

Clinical Interview

A licensed psychologist or therapist can diagnose ASD while providing psychotherapy.

Who Can Diagnose ASD

- Psychiatrists
 - Psychologists
 - Neurologists
 - Developmental Pediatricians
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