

Researchers at The Children's Institute and Duquesne University are seeking healthy children age two to nine for a control group.

The Center for Autism at The Children's Institute of Pittsburgh along with Duquesne University, are recruiting control subjects for a research study: "Quantification of Inorganic and Organic Compounds in the Red Blood Cells of Children with Autism and Controls with Correlation with Autism Severity." The study, to take place at The Children's Institute, will investigate the levels of heavy metals and chemicals in children's blood.

To be eligible, the child must be between the ages of two and nine with no known history of:

- Autism, or an immediate family member with Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Developmental disorder
- Brain injury
- Liver or kidney disease

Testing includes:



A visit with a developmental pediatrician



A two-hour evaluation with a psychologist



Two blood draws separated by a two-week period

Participants will be paid up to \$200 and copies of the child's assessments will be provided to the family.

To find out if your child qualifies, please call Sandy O'Donnell, RN

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