

Autism Spectrum Assessment Team
Travancore Campus
50 Flemington Street
Flemington VIC 3031
Phone: 03 9345 6011
Fax: 03 9345 6010

How to access private services for assessment if you suspect your child has an Autism Spectrum Disorder (including Asperger Syndrome)

The Autism Assessment Team at the Royal Children's Hospital provides assessments for children with suspected Autism Spectrum Disorders. There is a waitlist for an assessment and parents may wish to consider accessing an assessment privately.

Under the new Medicare "Helping Children with Autism" initiative rebates are available to cover some of the costs associated with these assessments. In order to access this service, parents request that their GP refer them to a Paediatrician who specialises in the area. After assessing the child or young person, the Paediatrician can then refer the child for an assessment with a Speech Pathologist and Clinical Psychologist.

Autism Spectrum Disorders are difficult to diagnose so an assessment from a Paediatrician, a Speech Pathologist, and a Clinical Psychologist is recommended. Having an assessment by all three of these professionals will also increase the chance that your child will be able to access some additional help at school.

Many children and young people with Autism Spectrum Disorders can be diagnosed privately by professionals in the community. The Autism Assessment Team is available to talk with professionals regarding individual children, which may help with diagnosis. The team also offers assessments to children and young people for whom professionals in the community are uncertain as to the diagnosis or for whom there is disagreement around the diagnosis. Families with multiple difficulties may benefit from an assessment with the Autism Assessment Team. Families who are unable to access an assessment within the community for whatever reason, including financial constraints, will also be offered an assessment.

What follows is a list of professionals who have indicated that they have the necessary skills to conduct assessments for children and young people with suspected Autism Spectrum Disorders. Many of these professionals are not associated with the Royal Children's Hospital or personally known to the Autism Assessment Team, however they have indicated that they have the necessary skills and experience to conduct assessments.

We recommend that all children and young people diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder see a Paediatrician regularly. Paediatricians can monitor your child's development and make sure that your child is receiving the support they need. At times your child may benefit from treatment from a Speech Pathologist or a Psychologist. Your Paediatrician can help with referring your child for further support. For children and young people who have been diagnosed there are some Medicare rebates for therapy available to help with covering the cost of this. Your Paediatrician will need to arrange referrals in order to allow you to access these rebates.

To assist with this we have also included lists of Speech Pathologists and Clinical Psychologists who provide intervention for children and young people with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Again, many of these professionals are not associated with the Royal Children's Hospital or personally known to the Autism Assessment Team, however they have indicated that they have the necessary skills and experience to provide treatment to children with these difficulties. We recommend that you chose a professional who you and your child feel comfortable working with.

Please feel free to call the Autism Assessment Team on 9345 6011 should you wish to discuss this further.

Dr Fiona Zandt
Team Coordinator

December 2010

Paediatricians who offer assessments for children with suspected Autism Spectrum Disorders and other developmental difficulties

<p><i>Dr Yolanda Arduca</i> Complete Children's Health 82 Holmes Road, Moonee Ponds VIC 3039 <i>Phone:</i>9375 7833 Days: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday</p>	<p><i>Dr Chitra Chandran</i> Suite 7 90 Mitcham Road Donvale VIC 3111 <i>Phone:</i> 9841 9388</p>
<p><i>Dr. Natasha Dilla</i> Complete Children's Health 82 Holmes Road, Moonee Ponds VIC 3039 <i>Phone:</i>9375 7833 Days: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday</p>	<p><i>Dr. Geoff Ford</i> 85 Buckley Street Essendon 3040 <i>Phone:</i> 9646 4419</p>
<p><i>Dr. Susie Gibb</i> 297 Princes Hwy Werribee 3030 <i>Phone:</i> 9741.9191 64 Chapman Street, North Melbourne 3051 <i>Phone:</i> 9328.3544</p>	<p><i>Dr Lionel Lubitz</i> Suite A Private Consulting Rooms Royal Children's Hospital Phone: 9347 1155 Days: Monday to Friday</p>
<p><i>Dr Jo Martin</i> Complete Children's Health 82 Holmes Road Moonee Ponds VIC 3039 <i>Phone:</i> 9375 7833 Days: Tuesday, Thursday</p>	<p><i>Dr Kerry Saunders</i> Suite 42 Level 1 431 St Kilda Road Melbourne VIC 3004 <i>Phone:</i> 9820 0410 Days: Monday to Friday</p>
<p><i>Dr Anne Smith</i> Suite 6 Sunbury Private Consulting Suites Corner Riddell Road and Spavin Drive Sunbury VIC 3429 <i>Phone:</i> 9218 5274</p>	<p><i>Dr Margaret Rowell</i> 85 Buckley Street Essendon VIC 3040 <i>Phone:</i> 9326 1711 <i>Email:</i> mrowell@hotmail.net.au Days: Tuesdays</p>
<p><i>Dr Martin Wright</i> Sunshine Hospital Private Consulting Rooms 147 Furlong Road St Albans VIC 3021 <i>Phone:</i> 8345 1855 Days: Friday morning</p>	

Speech Pathologists who offer assessments for children with suspected Autism Spectrum Disorders and other developmental difficulties

<p>Aspect Speech Pathology Bernadette O'Connor And Associates 93-95 Rose Street Essendon VIC 3040 Phone: 9337.2323</p>	<p>Simone Beks 42 Ballard Street Yarraville VIC 3013 Phone: 0414 467 887 Email: simonemb@bigpond.com</p>
<p>Anna Breakell Windy Hill Medical Clinic 141 Napier Street Essendon VIC 3040 Phone: 9370 9555/0413 850 147</p> <p>26 Brighton Street Flemington VIC 3031 Phone: 9376 7175/0413 850 147 Email: breakwell@hotkeys.net.au Days: Tuesday</p>	<p>Jenny Buckland 1316 Sydney Road Fawkner VIC 3060 Phone: 9357 4320/0409 413 076 Days: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Special interest in pre-school children</p>
<p>Maria Kouspos 54 Nepean Hwy Brighton Phone: 0402 538 116 Will do Home Visits throughout Metropolitan Melbourne</p>	<p>Sonia Marson 24 Possum Tail Run Sunbury VIC Phone: 0415 503 317 Email: marsonsonia@hotmail.com Days: Wednesday, Friday</p>
<p>Therese Ryan PO Box 1426 Kensington VIC 3031 Phone: 0409 922 168</p> <p>Practicing in Kensington and Werribee</p> <p>Email: toptalking@gmail.com</p>	<p>Spectrum Speech Pathology Services 562 Bell Street Pascoe Vale VIC Phone: 9350 1920 Days: Monday to Friday Offer parent training and social skills programs.</p>
<p>Gwyneth Wenlock 35 Central Avenue Altona VIC 3018 Phone: 0412 868 379 Email: gwynethwenlock@vic.chariot.net.au Days: Wednesday 9 to 3pm</p>	<p>Pauline Hatty and Chantelle Marks Western Speech Pathology Building 2 1-11 Dunnings Road Point Cook 3030 Phone: 0411 139 523</p>

Psychologists who offer assessments for children with suspected Autism Spectrum Disorders and other developmental difficulties

<p><i>Mandy Biancucci</i> East Keilor Clinic 46 Milleara Road East Keilor VIC 3033 <i>Phone:</i> 9336 2033 <i>Email:</i> m_biancucci@yahoo.com.au Specialising in school aged children</p>	<p><i>Dr Suzanne Barrett</i> Suite 603, 89 High Street Kew VIC 3101 <i>Phone:</i> 0423 736 777 <i>Email:</i> sak2005@optusnet.com.au <i>Days:</i> Wednesday and Friday, 10am to 7pm</p>
<p><i>Dr Janine Manjiviona</i> 544 Brunswick Street North Fitzroy VIC 3068 <i>Phone:</i> 9891 6835 <i>Days:</i> Monday to Wednesday, Fridays Specialising in Asperger's Syndrome</p>	<p><i>Dr Rebecca Mathews</i> 60 Elgin Street, Carlton VIC 3053 <i>Phone:</i>0410 294 222</p>
<p><i>Dr Margaret McNeil</i> 77 Holmes Street East Brunswick VIC 3057 <i>Phone:</i> 0408 545 118 <i>Days:</i> Wednesday, Saturday mornings Specialising in preschool children</p>	<p><i>Dr. Lisa Milne</i> 140 Princes Street Carlton North <i>Phone:</i> 9440.5687</p>
<p><i>Dr Chris Pratt</i> 60 Elgin Street, Carlton VIC 3053 <i>Phone:</i>0424 791 790</p>	<p><i>Michele Whitehouse</i> 5 Kenilworth Grove Glen Iris VIC 3056 <i>Phone:</i> 9885 4529</p>
<p><i>Dr Fiona Zandt</i> 119 Royal Parade Parkville (Postal address: GPO Box 2151, Melbourne VIC 3001) <i>Email:</i> fiona.zandt@bigpond.com.au <i>Days:</i> Saturday only <i>Phone:</i> 0438 291 077</p>	<p><i>Tanya King</i> 168 Heaths Road, Hoppers Crossing 3029 <i>Phone:</i> 9380 5752 <i>Email:</i> tanyaking@lewisandlewis.com.au <i>Days:</i> Friday 9am-5pm Special interest in preschoolers</p>

Psychologists who offer assessments for children with suspected Autism Spectrum Disorders and other developmental difficulties

<p>Michelle Jimeno PO Box 2405 Melton South 3338 <i>Phone: 0412293700</i> <i>Email: michelle.jimeno@bigpond.com</i></p>	
--	--

Speech Pathologists who offer intervention for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and other developmental difficulties

<p>Aspect Speech Pathology Bernadette O'Connor And Associates 93-95 Rose Street Essendon VIC 3040 Phone: 9337.2323</p>	<p>Simone Beks 42 Ballard Street Yarraville VIC 3013 Phone: 0414 467 887 Email: simonemb@bigpond.com</p>
<p>Anna Breakell Windy Hill Medical Clinic 141 Napier Street Essendon VIC 3040 Phone: 9370 9555/0413 850 147</p> <p>26 Brighton Street Flemington VIC 3031 Phone: 9376 7175/0413 850 147 Email: breakwell@hotkeys.net.au Days: Tuesday</p>	<p>Jenny Buckland 1316 Sydney Road Fawkner VIC 3060 Phone: 9357 4320/0409 413 076 Days: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Special interest in pre-school children</p>
<p>Maria Kouspos 54 Nepean Hwy Brighton Phone: 0402 538 116 Will do home visits throughout Metropolitan Melbourne</p>	<p>Sonia Marson 24 Possum Tail Run Sunbury VIC Phone: 0415 503 317 Email: marsonsonia@hotmail.com Days: Wednesday, Friday</p>
<p>Spectrum Speech Pathology Services 562 Bell Street Pascoe Vale VIC Phone: 9350 1920 Days: Monday to Friday Offer parent training and social skills programs.</p>	<p>Therese Ryan PO Box 1426 Kensington VIC 3031 Phone: 0409 922 168 Email: toptalking@gmail.com</p> <p>Practicing in Kensington and Werribee</p>
<p>Gwyneth Wenlock 35 Central Avenue Altona VIC 3018 Phone: 0412 868 379 Email: gwynethwenlock@vic.chariot.net.au Days: Wednesday 9 to 3pm</p>	<p>Maria Guzzardi 64A Fenton Street Ascot Vale Phone: 0408711706 Email: mariaguzzardi@gmail.com Days: Thursday</p>

Speech Pathologists continued....

<p><i>Nola Cranwell</i> 27 Wilson Place Bacchus Marsh 3340 <i>Phone:</i>5367 3051 <i>Email:</i> jncranwell@aapt.net.au</p>	<p><i>Crisalida Child, Adolescent, and Family Therapy</i> 391A St Georges Road Fitzroy North 3068 <i>Phone:</i> 9481 1233 <i>Email:</i> crisalida@optusnet.com.au</p> <p>Social skills programs, group work, parent groups</p>
<p><i>Pauline Hatty and Chantelle Marks</i> Western Speech Pathology Building 2 1-11 Dunnings Road Point Cook 3030 <i>Phone:</i> 0411 139 523</p>	

Psychologists who offer *intervention* for children with suspected Autism Spectrum Disorders and other developmental difficulties

<p><i>Autism Partnership</i> 53 Fletcher Street Essendon VIC 3040 <i>Phone:</i> 9375 2469 <i>Email:</i> karen.mckinnon@autismpartnership.com.au</p>	<p><i>Dr Suzanne Barrett</i> Suite 603, 89 High Street Kew VIC 3101 <i>Phone:</i> 0423 736 777 <i>Email:</i> sak2005@optusnet.com.au <i>Days:</i> Wednesday and Friday, 10am to 7pm Special interest in emotional difficulties in children with Asperger Syndrome</p>
<p><i>Mandy Biancucci</i> East Keilor Clinic 46 Milleara Road East Keilor VIC 3033 <i>Phone:</i> 9336 2033 <i>Email:</i> m_biancucci@yahoo.com.au</p>	<p><i>Sarah Dixon</i> 64 Derrimutt Road Hoopers Crossing Vic 3029 <i>Phone:</i> 0410 491 366 <i>Email:</i> s.l.dixon@hotmail.com <i>Days:</i> Fridays 1 to 7pm Home visits by appointment</p>
<p><i>Dr Janine Manjiviona</i> 544 Brunswick Street North Fitzroy VIC 3068 <i>Phone:</i> 9891 6835 <i>Days:</i> Monday to Wednesday, Fridays Specialising in Asperger's Syndrome</p>	<p><i>Dr Rebecca Mathews</i> 60 Elgin Street, Carlton VIC 3053 <i>Phone:</i>0410 294 222</p>
<p><i>Dr. Lisa Milne</i> 140 Princes Street Carlton North <i>Phone:</i> 9440.5687</p>	<p><i>Paola Piccione</i> 9/19 Norwood Crescent Moonee Ponds VIC 3039 27 Sydney Road Coburg VIC 3058 <i>Phone:</i> 0403 216 834 <i>Email:</i> p.piccione@optusnet.com.au</p>
<p><i>Dr Chris Pratt</i> 60 Elgin Street, Carlton VIC 3053 <i>Phone:</i>0424 791 790</p>	<p><i>Michele Whitehouse</i> 5 Kenilworth Grove Glen Iris VIC 3056 <i>Phone:</i> 9885 4529</p>
<p><i>Dr Fiona Zandt</i> 119 Royal Parade Parkville (Postal address: GPO Box 2151, Melbourne VIC 3001) <i>Email:</i> fiona.zandt@bigpond.com.au <i>Days:</i> Saturday only <i>Phone:</i> 0438 291 077 Special interest in anxiety</p>	<p><i>Tanya King</i> 168 Heaths Road, Hoppers Crossing 3029 <i>Phone:</i> 9380 5752 <i>Email:</i> tanyaking@lewisandlewis.com.au <i>Days:</i> Friday 9am-5pm Special interest in preschoolers</p>

Psychologists continued....

Michelle Jimeno

PO Box 2405

Melton South 3338

Phone: 0412293700

Email: michelle.jimeno@bigpond.com

***Crisalida Child, Adolescent, and Family
Therapy***

391A St Georges Road

Fitzroy North 3068

Phone: 9481 1233

Email: crisalida@optusnet.com.au

Social skills programs, group work, parent
groups

Occupational Therapists who offer *intervention* for children with suspected Autism Spectrum Disorders and other developmental difficulties

<p>Cathy Love Kids Therapy Network 623 Glen Huntly Road South Caulfield 3162 <i>Phone:</i> 9532 7509 <i>Email:</i> cathy@kidstherapynetwork.com.au <i>Days:</i> Monday – Saturday 9am-6pm</p> <p>Sensory gym on site</p>	<p>Hilarie Kohn 59 Highfield Road Canterbury 3126 <i>Phone:</i> 98365800 <i>Email:</i> otmelbourne@yahoo.com.au <i>Days:</i> Tuesday, Wednesday 9am-5pm.</p> <p>Special interest in sensory processing and relaxation in aspergers</p> <p>Worked at Western Autism School Trained family therapist</p>
<p>Angela Madden 59 Highfield Road Canterbury 3126 <i>Phone:</i> 9836 5800 <i>Email:</i> madden @bigpond.net.au or otmelbourne@yahoo.com.au</p>	<p>Melbourne Occupational Therapy Associates (Kathy Clarkson Director) 1014 Lygon St North Carlton 3054 <i>Phone:</i> 9387 1734 <i>Email:</i> info@melbourneot.com Special interest in sensory processing and modulation issues and behavioural management</p>
<p>Helen Miller 3 Robbs Pde Northcote 3070 <i>Phone:</i> 9410 9693 <i>Email:</i> helenmillerot@bigpond.com</p>	<p>Crisalida Child, Adolescent, and Family Therapy 391A St Georges Road Fitzroy North 3068 <i>Phone:</i> 9481 1233 <i>Email:</i> crisalida@optusnet.com.au</p> <p>Social skills programs, group work, parent groups</p>
<p>Robyn Barhram 757 Drummond Street North Carlton <i>Phone:</i> 9347 9371 <i>Email:</i> rbarhrsm@optusnet.com.au</p> <p>Specialised in fine motor skills especially handwriting.</p>	