

# Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule 2nd Edition (ADOS-2)



## What is an ADOS-2 Assessment?

The Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule – 2nd Edition (ADOS-2) is a standardised and semi-structured assessment administered by qualified clinicians to assist in diagnosing Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The assessment involves a series of activities, conversations and play to observe and code a child's communication, social interaction and restricted or repetitive behaviours. The ADOS-2 is considered the gold standard for the assessment of possible ASD. This assessment cannot be used to make a diagnosis in isolation, it also requires gathering of clinical history and direct observation which will usually be completed by your child's treating paediatrician.

## Are there age restrictions?

Mater Health and Wellness clinic offers ADOS-2 assessments for children 12 months – 14 years old.

## Booking your appointment

- A referral from your paediatrician is welcomed but not required.
- Call our reception on 3163 6000 selecting options 1 then 1. Our clinic located at the Allied Health Department, Level 3 of the Salmon Building, corner Raymond Terrace and Stanley Street, South Brisbane is open Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.00pm.

## Preparing for your appointment

- Please complete and return the questionnaire sent to you and any relevant summaries from your child's daycare/school to [info.childrenswellness@mater.org.au](mailto:info.childrenswellness@mater.org.au) at least two weeks prior to your appointment.

## What to expect on the day of assessment

- Please arrive 10 minutes early to complete our registration forms
- Parents or care givers are given the option to stay in our reception area or go into the assessment room with their child
- Assessment takes between 60 minutes and 90 minutes to complete

## Payment

### Using Private Health

Payment of \$750.00 is required at the end of the session using our EFTPOS machine. Our administration will process any private health rebates.

### Using Medicare Rebate

If your child has a Chronic Condition Management Plan from your GP or a Paediatrician Medicare Rebate Referral, we can facilitate any eligible Medicare rebate using our HICAPS machine.

### Using NDIS Funding

If your child is NDIS financially plan managed, we will support you to complete an NDIS Schedule of Supports form. Please note unfortunately we are unable to provide a service if your child's NDIS plan is managed by the NDIS agency (i.e. portal managed).

## Follow up from assessment and reporting

- After scoring the assessment, our clinician will book a 30 minute phone or telehealth appointment to discuss the results with parents or care givers
- A written report will be sent to parents or care givers and your paediatrician to assist in any diagnosis

If you have any questions, please contact our friendly administration team by telephone or email.

We look forward to meeting you.