

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE END OF THE FOLLOW UP APPOINTMENT?

At the end of your child's ADOS, the clinical team will provide you with a summary of the assessment. If the assessment suggests your child may benefit from some extra support, we will contact you and your clinical team to discuss the results in detail and help you to obtain the right assistance for your child.

DO YOU HAVE TO TAKE PART IN THIS SUB-STUDY?

Joining the Social Communication Sub-Study is voluntary. If you do not wish for your child to take part, you do not have to. Before you decide to take part, a member of our study team can answer any questions you may have. Only sign the consent form if you fully understand what this sub-study involves and are comfortable for your child to take part.

WHO TO CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?



If anything in this brochure has raised any concerns for you, please contact the CIRCA DIEM team via email on:

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SOCIAL COMMUNICATION SUB-STUDY



Government of **Western Australia**
Child and Adolescent Health Service

We would like to invite your child to participate in a sub-study that looks more closely at their development.



When a baby is born prematurely, their brain is more vulnerable than babies who are born near term. As a result, children who are born early are at an increased risk for developmental differences.

As a part of the CIRCA DIEM Study, we want to understand if the study intervention (wearing eye masks and ear plugs at night during hospitalisation) encourages the early development of a circadian rhythm and therefore reduces the number of children who experience differences in the ways that they think and interact with others.



WHY AM I BEING ASKED TO PARTICIPATE?

Recently, you completed an online survey for us which asked questions about the ways in which your child communicates and behaves. Your answers to this questionnaire suggest that your child may be experiencing some differences in the way they communicate and process information. Often, these differences resolve over time.

Sometimes, however, the way a child communicates and behaves at 2 years of age can be an early sign of developmental differences like Autism. We can understand more about the way your child is developing their speech and behaviour through an assessment called the Autism Diagnostic Observation schedule (which is usually shortened to ADOS).

WHAT DOES THIS SUB-STUDY INVOLVE?

To make sure your child receives the support they require to fulfill their individual needs, we would like to invite them to complete an ADOS assessment when they are around 2 years of age.

The ADOS is a play-based assessment, which will take approximately 40 minutes to 1 hour to complete. It is designed to be fun for children and will help us to understand more about the way your child learns and interacts with the world around them.