WHY IS **POINTING** SO IMPORTANT?

Pointing and other skills like eye contact and responding to name are important early developmental milestones. Their absence can be associated with Autism, but discovering this early gives the best possible chance for every child to fulfil their potential. This is why early identification is critical.

ASDetect allows you to monitor your child’s social and communication skills through a combination of short videos, questions, and activities you can do with your child.

Help us improve our world-first early autism detection app

We’re currently seeking parents/caregivers of young children for a new study, looking at how our mobile app ASDetect identifies young children showing early signs of Autism.

**You can participate if:**

- You have at least one child aged between 11 and 30 months old
- You have an active email account
- You have a mobile phone or tablet (Android or iOS).

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Do you have a child aged between 11 and 30 months?

Learn why pointing and other communication milestones are important for your child’s development by joining a new study.

SMS “app” to 0409 758 602

or visit

asdetect.org/app
WHAT IS INVOLVED?

You'll use our free app ASDetect to monitor your child's social attention and communication behaviours. Each assessment takes approximately 20 minutes, followed by an instant on-screen result and follow-up email.

Depending on how old your child is, you might be asked to complete another one or two in-app assessments at 6 and/or 12 months after the first.

A research team member may also invite you to participate in the second voluntary phase of the study.

1 REGISTER
You MUST register by visiting asdetect.org/app or SMS "app" to 0409 758 602.

Simply downloading and using the app will NOT register you for the study.

2 ADD CHILD
After registering yourself online, you’ll add your child.

3 SET USER NAME AND PASSWORD
You'll then receive an email with your consent form and study information.

4 DOWNLOAD ASDETECT
Available on Google Play or the Apple App Store.

5 COMPLETE ASSESSMENT
Open ASDetect on your device, and enter your user name and password. Your child will appear and you can then do an assessment. Assessments take approximately 20 minutes, including explanatory videos.

6 VIEW RESULTS
You can review your answers before submitting an assessment. You’ll receive an instant result of ‘higher’ or ‘lower’ likelihood of autism, and a follow-up email.

NEXT STEPS
After you receive your child's result, you may be contacted to participate in the second voluntary phase of the study. Regardless of your result, if you have any concerns please contact us and see your GP or paediatrician.

By monitoring your child's development, you’re enabling the best outcomes for them. Identifying difficulties in social attention and communication skills early will provide you with the best chance of accessing appropriate services and support for your child.

EARLY IDENTIFICATION + EARLY INTERVENTION = IMPROVED CHILD AND FAMILY OUTCOMES