



ASD ASSESSMENT FLOWCHART



Screening Assessment

Following your inquiry, our psychologist will email you an initial screening assessment. For children, this may include the Social Communication Questionnaire (SCQ), Autism Spectrum Screening Questionnaire (ASSQ), Childhood Autism Spectrum Test (CAST), or the Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers (M-CHAT). For adults, the assessment may include the SCQ, Ritvo Autism Asperger Diagnostic Scale - Revised (RAADS-R), Autism Quotient (AQ), or Comprehensive Autistic Trait Inventory (CATI). Once you return the completed questionnaires, our psychologist will call you to discuss the results and potentially book an observation assessment. This is free of charge.



Observation Assessment

Next, you will attend an observation assessment, which can take place either at our home office in Austral, NSW, or online. The assessments can involve play-based activities using the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule, Second Edition (ADOS-2), or can utilize the Monteiro Interview Guidelines for Diagnosing the Autism Spectrum, Second Edition (MIGDAS-2).



Additional Information

Following the observational assessment, on the same day if preferred, the psychologist will gather further information using the Autism Diagnostic Interview-Revised (ADI-R). This extended interview with the individual's parents is designed to collect comprehensive information needed for an autism diagnosis (Rutter et al., 2003).

The psychologist will also administer, or ask a family member or educator to administer, the Vineland-3 Behavior Scales to assess the individual's daily functioning.

Additional information may be gathered through observations in other settings, such as daycare, or from supplementary assessments conducted by educators and other therapy providers, where appropriate.



Diagnostic Report

Finally, the psychologist compiles the collected assessment data into a comprehensive diagnostic report. In addition to detailing information related to an ASD diagnosis, the report also includes strategies for addressing any identified challenges. An invoice, ranging from \$1,200 to \$1,500, will be emailed upon completion of the report.

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