



Expecting a baby?

Please consider participating in an important research study.

Virtua and Drexel University are conducting a study to help identify causes of autism. The research will focus on new moms and babies, so we're seeking patients like you to participate.

Autism is a lifelong condition that develops at an early age. By taking part in this study, you will contribute to scientific understanding of autism—with the **ultimate goal of reducing the number of children affected** by the condition.

How will the Virtua/Drexel Autism Study work?

If you agree to participate, Virtua staff members will collect certain samples at the time of delivery, such as a small amount of blood from the umbilical cord. The study will not interfere with medical care or your birth-plan preferences.

The study will also access pregnancy-related information from your medical records. Half of participants will be asked to bring their baby to the **Drexel Autism Institute** at age 6 months for a recorded assessment of their infant's behavior.

Reasonable compensation is available for your time and travel.

What are the next steps?

If you are interested in joining the study, please complete the interest form. This form is not a binding commitment. It will simply connect you with the people conducting the study.

Questions?

Please visit www.virtua.org/autismsurvey, email research@virtua.org or call 856-761-3807 (Virtua Voorhees) or 856-761-3903 (Virtua Memorial).

Thank you in advance for helping
with important autism research!

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