Highlights of SPARK

Since 2016, SPARK has enrolled over a quarter of a million people, including over 100,000 people with autism, and has worked with the nation's leading medical schools and autism research centers across the country to accelerate autism research.

Below are just a few of our highlights:

OVER 250,000
Participants have joined since 2016, including 100,000 people with autism

30
Top research centers and academic institutions across the country

70,000
Families have received reports from SPARK surveys

50
Webinars on a range of topics related to autism research

150
New autism risk genes discovered

33,676
Families participated in 100 Research Match studies

"The attractiveness to us of SPARK was, first and foremost, the stature, the scale and the scope of the scientific exploration of the root causes of autism and the interplay across the intellectual, developmental, emotional and social dimensions of autism." – David B.

Join Our Growing SPARK Community of 250,000+

It's simple and it's free. Your contributions will make a difference. Register online today.

Together, we will advance autism research for years to come.

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You Can Transform Autism Research.

Join **SPARK** and play an important role in the largest study of autism ever.

What Is SPARK?

SPARK is an online autism research study that aims to make new discoveries and advance the understanding of autism.

With over 270,000 participants, SPARK is now the largest study of autism ever.

But in order to advance discoveries in autism for all individuals and families, we need everyone to join. And to find answers for you, we need to understand what makes you unique. We do this by:

- Studying behavioral, medical, and genetic information from hundreds of thousands of people.

- Partnering with the nation's leading research universities and autism centers.

- Committing to research for the long term. The SPARK study will continue for years to come. We'll study information from participants as they age.

- SPARK is free to all individuals with autism, of any age, and their family members.

How Does SPARK Work?

If you are an individual with a professional diagnosis of autism, or the parent/guardian of someone with an autism diagnosis, we invite you to enroll in SPARK.

- Enrollment takes about 20 minutes. It is simple, free, and completely online.

- Your data will be protected.

- You have the option to give a saliva sample for DNA analysis. We send saliva kits to you at no cost. If we find a genetic change related to autism, we will return this information to you. At this time, as many as 10% of participants are receiving genetic results back from SPARK.

- You may be invited to join other autism research studies that are relevant to you or your family members. You can choose the studies that you'd like to join.

Enroll in SPARK for yourself, your family, and for future generations. SPARK is here to stay. We need your participation so we can continue to advance science, make new discoveries, and increase our understanding of autism.

SPARK is transforming the way autism research is done.

Benefits of Joining SPARK

You can play a role in powering autism research for years to come. Some of the benefits to you include:

- The possibility of finding a genetic cause of autism in your own family.

- Getting behavioral results from surveys that let you see how you compare to others in SPARK.

- The chance to be invited to other autism research studies through SPARK Research Match.

- The opportunity to earn gift cards as part of your participation.

- Getting updates on the latest autism research through articles on our website, monthly webinars, newsletters and the latest updates on SPARK's social media platforms.

SPARK is in this for the long term. Together, we will advance autism research for years to come.