



Assent for Participation in Research

Title: New Approaches to Assistive Technology in Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder and its Possible Effects and Uses

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Introduction:

You are being asked to be in a research study about the effects of assistive technology on one's ability to recognize and form facial expressions. This study was explained to your parents and they said that you could be in the study if you want to. We are doing this study to understand the effects of a new type of technology to help people practice their non-verbal communication skills.

What am I going to be asked to do?

If you agree to be in this study, you will be asked to take two tests and to use the aforementioned assistive technology (an iPhone app) for seven weeks at a given a time commitment per week. Each test will take no longer than thirty minutes, the usage of the assistive technology will last for a maximum of 10 minutes a day, and there will be approximately 100 other people in this study.

You will submit seven pictures as a part of the test, which you will take twice. These pictures will be deleted immediately after use, which will be seven weeks after you take the test for the first time.

What are the risks involved in this study?

The risks of this study include a possible loss of privacy, since the participants will be asked to submit pictures of themselves. These pictures and any recordings will be deleted after use (when the last participant takes the final test).

What are the possible benefits of this study?

Your child will receive no direct benefit from participating in this study; however, there may be societal benefits such as an improved understanding of the way individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder interpret and form facial expressions.

Do I have to participate?

No, you do not have to participate. You should only be in the study if you want to. You can even decide you want to be in the study now, and change your mind later. No one will be upset.

If you would like to participate, please sign this form and contact the researcher with your decision at simran.kaur.101526@gmail.com.

Will I get anything for participating?

You will not receive anything for participating in this study.

Who will know about my participation in this research study?

The records of this study will be kept private. Only the researchers will be able to see your records.

Whom to contact with questions about the study?

Before, during, or after your participation in the study, contact the researcher Simran Kaur at 507-737-5787 or send an email to simran.kaur.101526@gmail.com for any questions or if you feel that you have been harmed in any way.

For questions about your rights or if you are unhappy with any part of this study and don't want to talk to the researcher, you can contact, anonymously if you wish, the Director of Minnetonka Research, at Kimberly.Hoehne@minnetonkaschools.org.

Signature

Writing your name on this page means that the form was read by or to you and that you agree to be in the study. If you have any questions before, after or during the study, ask the researcher. If you decide to quit the study, all you have to do is tell the researcher.

Signature of Participant

Date