

Comprehensive Diagnostic Assessment for Autistic Disorder and Asperger's Syndrome

Our diagnostic team conducts a comprehensive evidence-based assessment of autism spectrum disorders in children and adolescents. Our Psychologists are endorsed by the Australian Psychological Society (APS) as Autism and Pervasive Developmental Disorders Identified Practitioners and are trained to use the industry standard autism diagnostic assessments.

The assessment process below may vary depending on the needs of each client:

- I. An initial appointment exploring developmental, educational and family history. Parent and Teacher rated questionnaires – autism screening tools and adaptive behaviour scale.
- II. Formal cognitive (ability) assessment using the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children, 4th Edition. (Approximately 2 hours).
- III. Comprehensive parent/caregiver interview and observation at the practice using the Childhood Autism Rating Scale, 2nd Edition. (Approximately 1½ hours).
- IV. A comprehensive written report with one month of the final parent/caregiver interview.
- V. A feedback session with parents/caregivers to discuss recommendations for intervention and follow-up. (Approximately 1 hour).

Medicare Rebate

Is there any Medicare rebate?

Medicare Funding is available on a limited basis for the assessment of autism allowing up to four sessions with an appointed allied health professional for the purpose of assessment in children who are under 13 years of age.

What does this entitle me to?

This will enable you to claim a Medicare rebate for the cost of your assessment appointments only. It will not cover the cost of the initial meeting, written report and feedback session. There is a gap of \$18.00 between the scheduled session fee and the Medicare rebate.

What do I need to do from here?

If you require an ASD assessment, we will initially advise you to see either a Paediatrician or a Child Psychiatrist to activate your allowance to use this Medicare benefit.

Is there likely to be any additional costs?

You will receive an itemised bill detailing the breakdown cost of each assessment, face-to-face time spent with a psychologist and any additional costs that will form part of the final report. A member of our team will discuss with you any additional costs likely to be incurred throughout the assessment process.

ASD ASSESSMENT PRICING

With Medicare Activated

Assessment Breakdown	Sub Total	Total Cost
4x hours assessment at \$18.00 p/h	\$72.00	
1x hour for feedback at \$97.00 p/h	\$97.00	
Comprehensive Psychological report	\$465.00	\$634.00

Without Medicare Activated

Assessment Breakdown	Sub Total	Total Cost
4x hours assessment at \$97.00 p/h	\$388.00	
1x hour for feedback at \$97.00 p/h	\$97.00	
Comprehensive Psychological report	\$465.00	\$950.00