



# AUTISM ASSESSMENT SERVICE

## ADOS-2 PACKAGE

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Bright Start Therapy is pleased to be able to offer a comprehensive assessment package to determine a diagnosis on the Autism Spectrum. Use of the ADOS – 2 along with Speech Pathology and Occupational Therapy assessments are considered best practice in a diagnosis in Australia. We understand this is a lengthy process and can also be quite costly. We have put together a package we hope will suit most families.

### What Does the Assessment Cover?

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The assessment consists of the following 4 appointments:

1. **Background History and Interview:** a comprehensive interview covering your child's developmental and medical history, this will also cover your main concerns.
2. **ADOS – Autism Diagnostic Observation Scale:** a full Autism Spectrum Disorder Assessment, which will be conducted at the clinic with an unfamiliar therapist.
3. **School/Kinder/Childcare Observation:** your therapist will do an observation of your child's abilities in a familiar environment away from home.
4. **Feedback Session:** assessment results will be provided and discussed. You will be given a copy of a report with recommendations for your child's ongoing care, support and development. Following feedback you will be encouraged to see your paediatrician for a formal diagnosis, you may then be eligible for government funding to help source therapy and equipment.

You may wish to incorporate a language and sensory assessment (this is highly recommended if you have not done so already) to support a diagnosis. The Speech Pathologist will be able to complete testing covering your child's receptive, expressive and pragmatic language abilities. The Occupational Therapist will be able to complete a Sensory Profile.

### Costs:

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Please contact us to discuss costs; costs will vary depending on what assessments you have already had completed.

*Payment Plans can be discussed prior to completing the assessment please let us know if you require assistance.*

If you have any questions or for more information please contact our friendly office manager Haylee.

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