

Introduction to the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS): Using the ADOS in clinical assessments

Expressions of Interest Sought
2 days - Brisbane – Semester 2, 2010

The Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS) is a semi-structured, standardised assessment of communication, social interaction, and play. It provides a series of standardised contexts in which the child's social, communication and repetitive, stereotyped behaviours can be observed. It has been designed to assist in the diagnosis of autism and pervasive developmental disorders and is suggested as a complementary instrument to the ADI-R. Standardised toys and activities are used to present opportunities for social and communicative interaction with the examiner. During these activities, observation of the child notes the absence or presence of behaviours of interest. A diagnostic algorithm consistent with DSM-IV and ICD-10 clinical diagnoses is generated.

The Introduction to the ADOS workshop (2 days) is intended for clinicians interested in using the ADOS. It provides an introduction to the ADOS as an assessment tool, and is a first step for researchers in the process for establishing reliability. It uses a mixture of large group lecture, demonstration, and scoring, as well as a live demonstration of the ADOS. To participate in this workshop, you will need to have access to an ADOS kit.

Arrival tea/coffee, morning tea, afternoon tea and lunch provided.

Pre-workshop Information

Prior to attending the workshop, you will be sent a pre-course information pack. This will contain some reading materials. It will also include a DVD of two ADOS administrations for you to watch prior to attending the course. You will also be asked to do two practice administrations of the ADOS. This can be done with any child, or as a role play exercise. This task is to help familiarise yourself with the administration of the ADOS. It is very useful preparation for the workshop. Detailed information on this will be provided in the pre-course pack. It is also required that you read the ADOS manual prior to attending the workshop.

Who can participate in training workshops?

ADOS workshops are designed for psychologists, paediatricians, and psychiatrists. Speech pathologists, occupational therapists, and doctoral students who have experience in standardised assessment measures are also able to attend the training workshops.

Presenters

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Expressions of Interest sought for this workshop. Please contact Zi Mei Events on info@zimei.com.au or (07) 3847 8375 to register your interest.