SPARK, a new online research initiative, aims to advance our understanding of autism by transforming the research landscape. SPARK, a landmark research partnership, will connect researchers to a large group of individuals with autism and their biological families.

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Why Participate in SPARK?

While we are making significant progress learning about autism, we simply don’t know enough. By joining SPARK, you’re helping accelerate research to find causes and treatments for autism.

Additionally, you may qualify to receive:

- Updates on the latest research
- Access to experts who will arm you with information to help address daily situations
- Results from the analysis of your or your family’s DNA, in the event that you opt to receive this information and a genetic cause for autism is identified
- Individuals with autism will receive gift cards valued at up to a total of $50 for participation

Register for SPARK Today

To learn more about SPARK and register online via a secure portal, visit www.SPARKforAutism.org/Rush. All data provided to SPARK will be stored without any identifying information and kept confidential.

What to Expect After Registration

After you register, a saliva kit will be shipped directly to your home with clear instructions for collection and return shipping. The kit includes a tube for collecting saliva, as well as an absorbent sponge that can be used for any child who is not able to spit. If you prefer, you can provide a saliva sample in-person by scheduling an appointment at your local clinical site or hospital participating in SPARK.