

How is personal information kept confidential?

The NDDoH recognizes the importance of protecting the privacy and confidentiality of those individuals reported into the database. All personal information is kept in a secured environment and is password protected. Access is limited to those designated by the NDDoH. The NDDoH practices strict confidentiality procedures and is in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

Why is the Autism Spectrum Disorder Database important?

There has been increased attention regarding the prevalence and diagnosis of ASD in the United States. At this time, there is no clear understanding of how many individuals have ASD in North Dakota that may need services. The information that is collected in the database will help shape appropriate policy and practices to improve services and support for people with ASD.



Autism Spectrum Disorder Report forms can be found at www.ndhealth.gov/cshs/autism.htm.

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North Dakota Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Database

Information for Providers



What is the North Dakota law?

In 2013, the North Dakota Legislature passed a law (NDCC chapter 23-01-41) that requires the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) to maintain a database of individuals diagnosed with ASD in order to complete epidemiologic surveys, research and analysis, and to provide services to individuals with an ASD.

A mandatory reporter is a physician, psychologist, or health care professional who is qualified by training and licensure or certification to make the diagnosis of ASD. The reporter or the reporter's designee must report to the NDDoH any person who is a resident of North Dakota, or whose parent/guardian is a resident of North Dakota, and is diagnosed with ASD based on DSM criteria.

How is ASD defined?

A diagnosis of ASD includes several conditions that used to be diagnosed separately: Asperger Syndrome, Autistic Disorder, Childhood Disintegrative Disorder (CDD), and Pervasive Developmental Disorder-Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS).



How do I report individuals?

A reporter or the reporter's designee must report to the NDDoH any individual diagnosed with ASD who is the reporter's patient or client. Reporters are encouraged to discuss reporting requirements for the database with the reported individual or the parents/guardians of the individual.

In order to report an individual to the NDDoH, complete the Autism Spectrum Disorder Report form which can be found at www.ndhealth.gov/cshs/autism.htm. Submit the form electronically or use a fillable PDF version that can be printed and returned to the NDDoH via mail or fax.

A reporter or the reporter's designee must report newly diagnosed individuals to the NDDoH within 30 days of the diagnosis. Previously diagnosed individuals must be reported to the NDDoH within 30 days of the individual's first patient or client encounter with the reporter.

What information will be collected?

The database contains the following:

- Demographics such as the individual's date of birth, gender and race
- Contact information of the individual and the parents/guardians
- Information about the diagnostician and the person submitting the form
- Information about the tools that were used to make the diagnosis

Why is personal information being collected?

Personal information is collected to:

- Reduce duplication and overreporting
- Update information for accuracy

Do individuals have to be reported into the database?

ASD is a mandatory reportable condition. Signed consent is not required.

