



Enhancing Social Competence in Adults with Autism

Researchers at Vanderbilt University Medical Center are studying the effects of an intervention developed to enhance social competence in adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Eligible participants:

- Have ASD or suspected/possible ASD
- Are between 18 and 40 years of age

Participants will be randomly assigned to one of the following groups.

- SENSE Theatre® is a performance-based intervention targeting social skills that includes trained peer actors and theatre techniques.
- Waitlist Control group participants will participate in the intervention after the initial experimental group.

Research Components:

- The intervention is no cost to you and involves research visits before and after the treatment.
- Psychological Testing (2 hours)
- Social Interaction (10 minutes)
- Research EEG (1 hour)
- Intervention takes place over 10 sessions on Saturdays or weekday late afternoons.
- Participation in research is necessary to receive the treatment.

The SENSE Lab works in collaboration with the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities and the Vanderbilt University Department of Theatre. Principal Investigator: Blythe A. Corbett, Ph.D.

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