Saliva sample(s) are stored in a secure laboratory and DNA will be extracted for analysis. Once researchers analyze the saliva and determine they have a sufficient sample—and once all surveys in your dashboard are completed—the individual with autism will receive a gift card, valued at up to $50 (maximum $50 per family). If you indicate you are interested in receiving genetic results (and should there be any identified), they may be provided to the medical provider you indicate.

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Consent to share your data: Review data consent form detailing the study, uses of your personal information and future contact for research studies.

Consent to provide a saliva sample: Review genetic consent form specific to sharing DNA saliva samples.

Provide saliva DNA sample(s): 2-3 weeks after registering, a saliva collection kit will be mailed to your home. Kit includes a tube for spitting and an absorbent sponge (for anyone unable to spit).

Stay engaged with SPARK!: Check your Dashboard for the latest resources, new research opportunities and research updates. Sign up for the SPARK e-newsletter.

Register at SPARKforAutism.org/mainemedicalcenter: Takes ~20-30 mins and can be paused/saved along the way. Invite family members to join.

Share family history, behavioral and medical information: Data will be stored securely and without any identifying information.

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