## HOW TO COMBINE ASSESSMENTS FOR POWERFUL RESULTS

## **Autism Identification**



Effective autism evaluations consider the whole person—a process that necessitates expertise and a wide range of information. Strategically combining assessments can yield valuable, unique information across multiple settings like schools, clinics, hospitals, and private practice. Check out this productive pairing to make the most of your assessment time.

Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule, Second Edition (ADOS°-2)

Monteiro Interview Guidelines for Diagnosing the Autism Spectrum, Second Edition (MIGDAS<sup>™</sup>-2)



What does it do?

Provides quantitative information based on coded behavior. Identifies characteristics consistent with autism across age, developmental, and language level; provides information about a person's needs to inform intervention and education plans



Provides a qualitative, strengths-based behavioral profile based on a sensory interview. Identifies characteristics consistent with autism in children, teens, and adults; guides family-friendly report-writing that can easily link to intervention

How is it given?

Examiner observes and codes an individual's behavior within standardized, interactive social contexts



Examiner interviews parents/caregivers, teachers, and individuals regarding language and communication, social relationships, emotional responses, sensory use, and interests

How long does it take?

40–60 minutes, plus additional time for scoring



Diagnostic interview: 30–90 minutes, Parent interview(s): 60–90 minutes, Teacher interview(s): 30–60 minutes, plus additional time for scoring

Who is it for?

Individuals ages 12 months through adulthood

Toddlers, children, teens, and adults

## Assessment Tip

Combine quantitative data from the ADOS-2 with qualitative data from the MIGDAS-2 to supplement scores with information about lived experience.

## This assessment combination yields:

- 1. Enhanced accuracy
- 2. Comprehensive picture of strengths and needs
- 3. Flexibility in assessing those with atypical autistic traits
- 4. A more neurodiversity-affirming experience

WPS offers a full range of assessments to evaluate the core characteristics of autism. Click the link below to explore which options are best for the people you serve.

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