

Autism Spectrum Disorder Evaluations

In addition to providing psychotherapy services to all ages on the Autism and AD/HD spectrum, Dr Goobic also conducts autism spectrum evaluations utilizing the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule - Second Edition (ADOS-2), an observational measure used to “press” for social and communicative behaviors that are often delayed, abnormal, or absent in children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. These evaluations can be administered to anyone over the age of 2 years. An adult, for example, suspecting that he or she may be on the Autism Spectrum, can be assessed by Dr. Kara Goobic for an Autism Spectrum disorder.

The ADOS - 2 is used in conjunction with other measures, including the Autism Diagnostic Interview Revised (ADI-R), the Social Communication Questionnaire (SCQ), and the Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales. Dr. Goobic also obtains a detailed developmental history from the parent (s), or primary caregiver.

As part of the diagnostic evaluation, individuals also need to be referred for a formal audiologic screening and a medical evaluation to rule out hearing loss or other medical conditions. Intelligence testing results are required for the evaluation. Test results from other providers can be used as part of the assessment, or the individual can be referred to another psychologist to conduct this evaluation.