

Testing:

Rapid Interactive Screening Test for Autism in Toddlers (RITA-T)

The RITA-T is an empirically based, observational and interactive measure developed to screen for autism in children between 18 and 36 months of age. It is a level 2 screening test for young children identified at risk for ASD, or who scored positive on a Level 1 screening test. The RITA-T includes nine semi-structured play-based presses that examine constructs that have been described to be delayed in children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Each play-based press looks at the integration of 1 or 2 constructs, including: joint attention, visual problem solving, human agency (the precursor for the Theory of Mind), social awareness, communication, and self-awareness. Three items are also related to the developmental level of the child and coded "C" for cognition. The RITA-T differentiates well between toddlers with ASD and toddlers with Developmental Delay (DD) /Non-ASD. Each press is coded and scored depending on the child's response: the lower the score, the more typical the response. A total score is then calculated by adding the 9 individual presses scores.

This RITA-T was performed and interpreted by *** on *** at age of ***

Based on current cut-off-score studies:

A score between 12 and 16 is a grey area or moderate risk, and child will need further evaluation

A score above 16 is high risk and concerning for Autism Spectrum Disorder.

A score below 12 is low risk for autism spectrum disorder.

However, always use your clinical judgement and impressions in making referrals

TOTAL SCORE AND RISK INTERPRETATION: * (LOW/MODERATE/HIGH RISK)**