

## Stem cell trial for Autism launches in U.S.

Families with autistic children must navigate a condition where questions outnumber the answers, and therapies remain sparse and largely ineffective. A clinical [trial](#) being conducted by the [Sutter Neuroscience Institute](#) in Sacramento, California to address this situation began recruiting participants today for a highly experimental stem cell therapy for autism. The institute plans to find 30 autistic children between ages 2 and 7 with cord blood banked at the privately-run [Cord Blood Registry](#), located about 100 miles west of the institute. Already one other clinical trial, with 37 total participants between ages 3 and 12 years old, has been completed in [China](#). The researchers affiliated with Beike Biotechnology in Shenzhen, the [firm](#) that sponsored the study, have not yet published any papers from that the trial, which used [stem cells](#) from donated cord blood. Mexican researchers are [currently](#) recruiting kids for yet another type of autism stem cell trial that will harvest cells from the participant's fat tissue.

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