

## Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers (M-CHAT) Form

Please fill out the following about how your child **usually** is. Please try to answer every question. If the behavior is rare (e.g., you've seen it once or twice), please answer as if the child does not do it.

1. Does your child enjoy being swung, bounced on your knee, etc.?.....Yes No
2. Does your child take an interest in other children?.....Yes No
3. Does your child like climbing on things, such as up stairs?.....Yes No
4. Does your child enjoy playing peek-a-boo/hide-and-seek?.....Yes No
5. Does your child ever pretend, for example, to talk on the phone or take care of dolls, or pretend other things?.....Yes No
6. Does your child ever use his/her index finger to point, to ask for something?.....Yes No
7. Does your child ever use his/her index finger to point, to indicate interest in something?.....Yes No
8. Can your child play properly with small toys (e.g., cars or bricks) without just mouthing, fiddling, or dropping them?.....Yes No
9. Does your child ever bring objects over to you (parent) to show you something?....Yes No
10. Does your child look you in the eye for more than a second or two?.....Yes No
11. Does your child ever seem oversensitive to noise? (e.g., plugging ears).....Yes No
12. Does your child smile in response to your face or your smile?.....Yes No
13. Does your child imitate you? (e.g., you make a face-will your child imitate it?)....Yes No
14. Does your child respond to his/her name when you call?.....Yes No
15. If you point at a toy across the room, does your child look at it?.....Yes No
16. Does your child walk?.....Yes No
17. Does your child look at things you are looking at?.....Yes No
18. Does your child make unusual finger movements near his/her face?.....Yes No
19. Does your child try to attract your attention to his/her own activity?.....Yes No
20. Have you ever wondered if your child is deaf?.....Yes No
21. Does your child understand what people say?.....Yes No
22. Does your child sometimes stare at nothing or wander with no purpose?.....Yes No
23. Does your child look at your face to check your reaction when faced with something unfamiliar?.....Yes No

Number of Failed Items: *Underlined* \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

## **M-CHAT Scoring**

A child fails the M-chat when

- 2 or more Critical Items are failed.
  - The six Critical Items (2, 7, 9, 13, 14, 15) are underlined above.
- Or when any 3 items are failed

Yes/ No answers convert to Pass/Fail responses

- A Yes response to Questions 11, 18, 20, or 22 counts as Fail
  - These four items are bolded above
- A No response to all other questions counts as Fail

Not all children who fail the checklist will meet criteria for a diagnosis on the autism spectrum.

- Children who fail the checklist should be evaluated in more depth by the physician or referred for a developmental evaluation with a specialist.