

Autism Spectrum Disorders and Repetitive Thoughts and Behaviors

In Children and Adolescents Has Medication Not Helped?

Purpose of the research study: To study riluzole for obsessive-compulsive symptoms in children and adolescents.

Children must:

- Be ages 7-17.
- Be diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder with severe repetitive thoughts and behaviors, or have moderate to severe obsessive-compulsive symptoms.
- Be currently taking, or have taken, a medication for repetitive thoughts and behaviors.
- Be able to participate in an initial 1-day outpatient evaluation and brief outpatient visits approximately monthly for 6 months, and at months 9 & 12, at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, MD.
- Forego any cognitive-behavioral therapy during the 12-week study.

Research Includes:

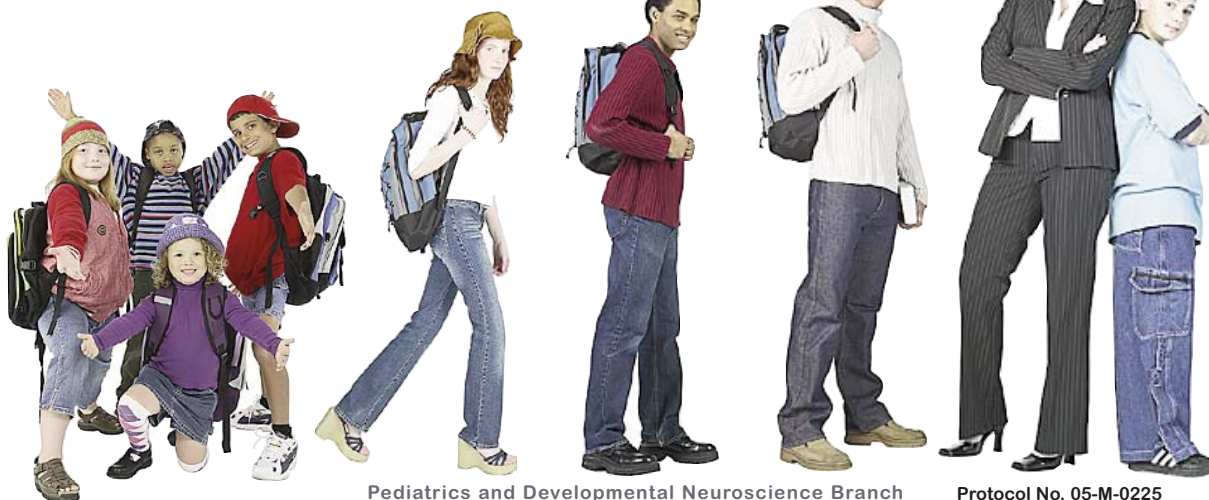
- Taking either riluzole or placebo for 12 weeks.
- The option of taking riluzole after the initial 12-week study period.
- Psychiatric, medical, and laboratory evaluations.
- Travel assistance may be provided. Parental consent is required.
- No cost for research study participation.

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