

Title of Project: Prospective identification of autism in infancy	
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Outline of Research	The research program focuses on the identification of early markers of autism in infancy. The overall objective in this program is to promote the early recognition of autism so that these children may begin participation in appropriate interventions at younger ages. This can only happen if we are informed about the early signs of autism. The early development of children who will later receive a diagnosis of autism will be charted via the Maternal and Child Health System in Victoria.
Findings to date	
Expected start and finish dates	2005 - 2009