



WORKSHOP
The RITA-T (Rapid Interactive (Screening) Test for Autism in Toddlers:
A New Level 2 Autism Screening Tool


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Objectives

- Learn about developmental constructs measured by the RITA-T
 - Practice the different items of the RITA-T
 - Train reliably on the administration and scoring of the RITA-T
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Overview- 1-RITA-T items

Item	Constructs	Materials	Administration	Score
*A-Blocked exploration of a toy (TL:11s)	SA; JA; HA	Toy phone	Child explores toy. Examiner blocks it, 3 times. Observe EC and latency to EC for 11 s.	0-4 for EC; time to EC; or giving up
B-Object Tease	SA; JA; HA	Toy Phone	Examiner pretends to give toy to child then pulls back, 3 times. Observe EC to examiner or parent.	0-2 for EC to parent, examiner or both
*C-Blocked Vision (TL: 11 s)	SA; JA; HA	Toy Opaque screen	Child explores toy; examiner blocks toy from behind the child using a screen for 11s. Observe EC, JA.	0-3 for EC; Time to EC
D-Magic Ball	Cog JA	"Magic" cup & ball	Ball in magic cup shown to child then examiner makes it disappear, 3 times. Observe surprise; JA to examiner & parent.	0-3 for reaction of surprise; EC to parent and/or examiner
E-Color Constancy	Cog JA	"Magic" scarf	Examiner shows double-sided magic scarf on one side initially then examiner changes color abruptly. Observe surprise; JA to examiner or parent.	0-2 for reaction of surprise; JA to parent or examiner
F-*Object vs. Face (TL:15s)	SA	Pictures of train & baby	A foam circle with pictures of a baby and of a train on either side is presented to the child 5s each side. Observe picture preference for 5s.	0-2 for preference to baby (0), train pictures (1), or no interest at all (2)
G -Rapid JA	JA	Ceiling light	Examiner calls child suddenly and points at ceiling light. Observe JA.	0-1 for JA
H*-Sad Face, Still Face (TL:10s each)	SA	Caregiver	Caregiver is asked to pretend to cry: Observe: distress, EC, proximity seeking or no interest for 10s. Then caregiver is asked to have a neutral expression; Observe same for 10s.	0-4 each: 0-1 score provided to each reaction observed.
I-Recognition	Cog SR	Marker Mirror	A red dot is marked on forehead with removable non-allergenic marker. Examiner holds small mirror to child. Observe reaction to recognizing dot and taking it away.	0-2 for recognizes the red dot; attempts to remove it



Overview

- 2-Watch as a group 3 learning videos:
 - Scoring of each item
 - Group discussion of constructs
 - Comparison of scoring
- 3- Practice scoring:
 - Watch 3 practice videos
 - Each scores
 - Compare scoring





Overview

- 5- Practice administration

