NIH grant helps FSU team study autism

With the help of a five-year, nearly $2.5 million National Institutes of Health grant, FSU researchers are spearheading a project that will screen infants who are only 12 months old using smart technology that can search simultaneously for both autism and communication delays.

FSU College of Medicine Distinguished Research Professor Amy Wetherby, director of the FSU Autism Institute, is leading the research. The project will establish a network of front-line doctors who will ask the parents of every infant they examine to answer 10 online questions designed to identify delays in communication skills.