

SWOT Analysis

Collaborative Autism Diagnosis: Integrated System Using Telemedicine

Strengths

- Collaborative process: both “medical” and “educational” both invested as partners
- Richer information from school
- Cuts financial and time costs for families
- Team support at diagnosis and with planning interventions

Weaknesses

- Less time for evaluation by team
- No “hands on” evaluation and some children will need referral
- ITV not appropriate for some cases
- Some limitations due to patient privacy issues around medical issues

Opportunities

- Enriched information from schools to diagnostic team and vice versa
- Better collaboration with use of specifiers under the DSM-5 framework
- Potential for capacity building and training for rural educators and treatment providers

Threats

- Funding, especially for uninsured families
- Potential loss of “common” language if ADOS/ADI/CARS not used
- Limited follow-up for ongoing consultation