



## Research in the Lab at UNTHSC

This social story shows what it is like to participate in a research study in our lab at UNTHSC.

This story has pictures and words so that you will be prepared for things that you see and do in our lab.

Each research study is different. If you participate in one of our studies, some things may be a little different from what you see in this social story.



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Please review this social story before you visit our lab. You might want to review it with someone you trust, like a parent or a friend.

After you read this social story, you might have questions about science. You might also have questions about a specific research study that you are planning to do with us.

If you have questions, you can ask us on the phone (817-735-2312) or by email ([autism@unthsc.edu](mailto:autism@unthsc.edu)).

When you come in to help us with our science experiment, you may enter into one of these places or a place similar to this:



School or Library



Camp



Museum



Our Lab

You will be helping a few people in this science experiment. You may have to call on the phone when you get here. Look for either Dr. Haylie Miller or Gabriela, as well as a few others there to help you get started.



Gabriela (left) and Dr. Haylie Miller (right)

You and the adult you came with will talk to a researcher. We will ask you if you want to help us with a science experiment. It is okay to say no, or to change your mind later. We might ask some questions about you.



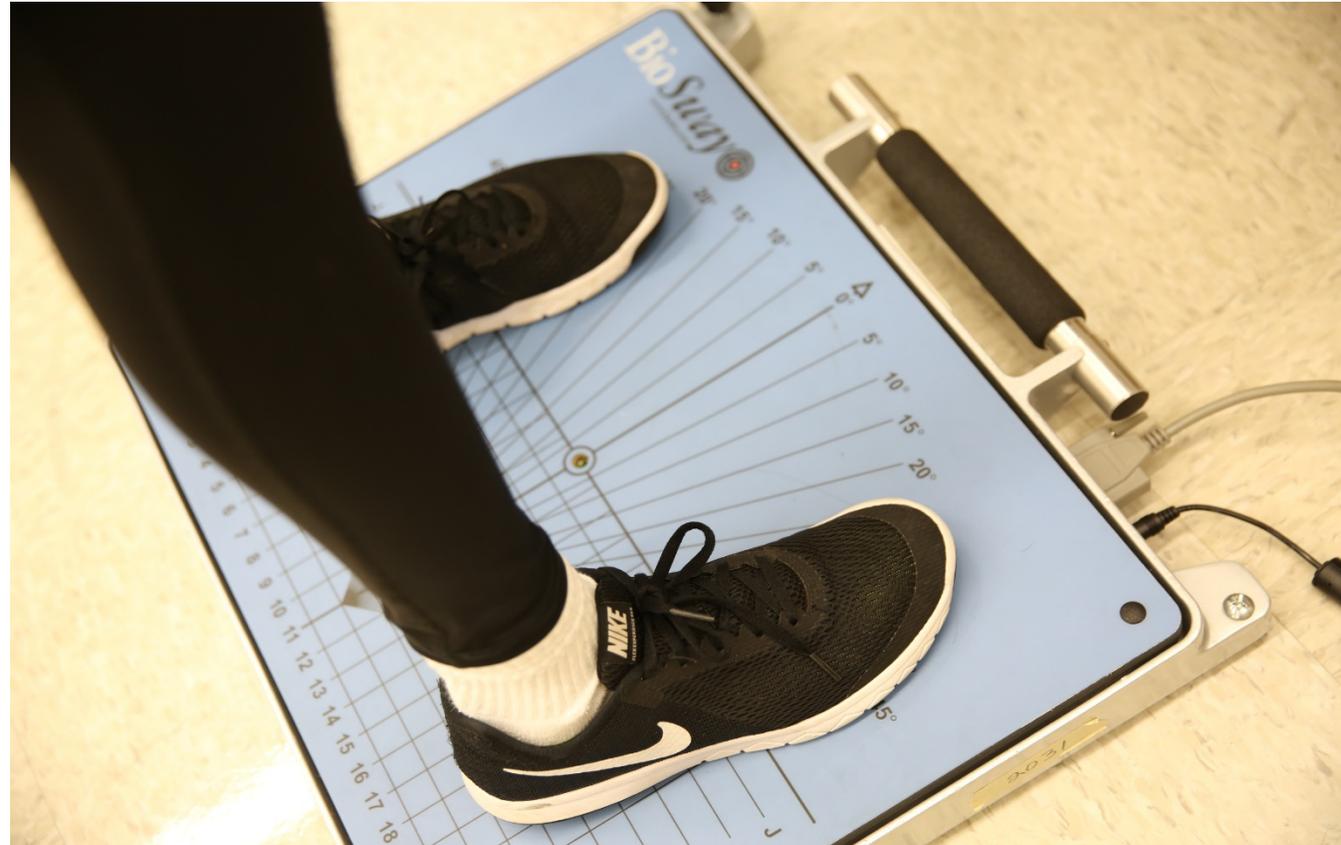
You may have to wait a bit before we start. There might be other people ahead of you in line. We will ask you to wait your turn.



We will measure your weight and height.



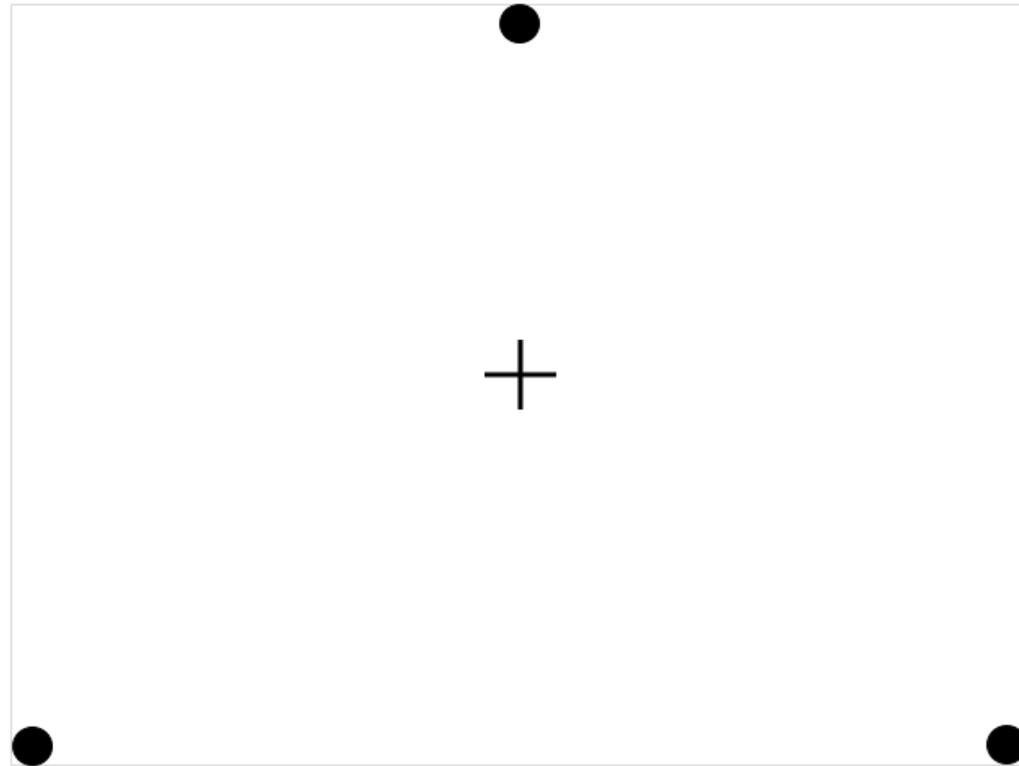
Stand on the platform that measures your balance.



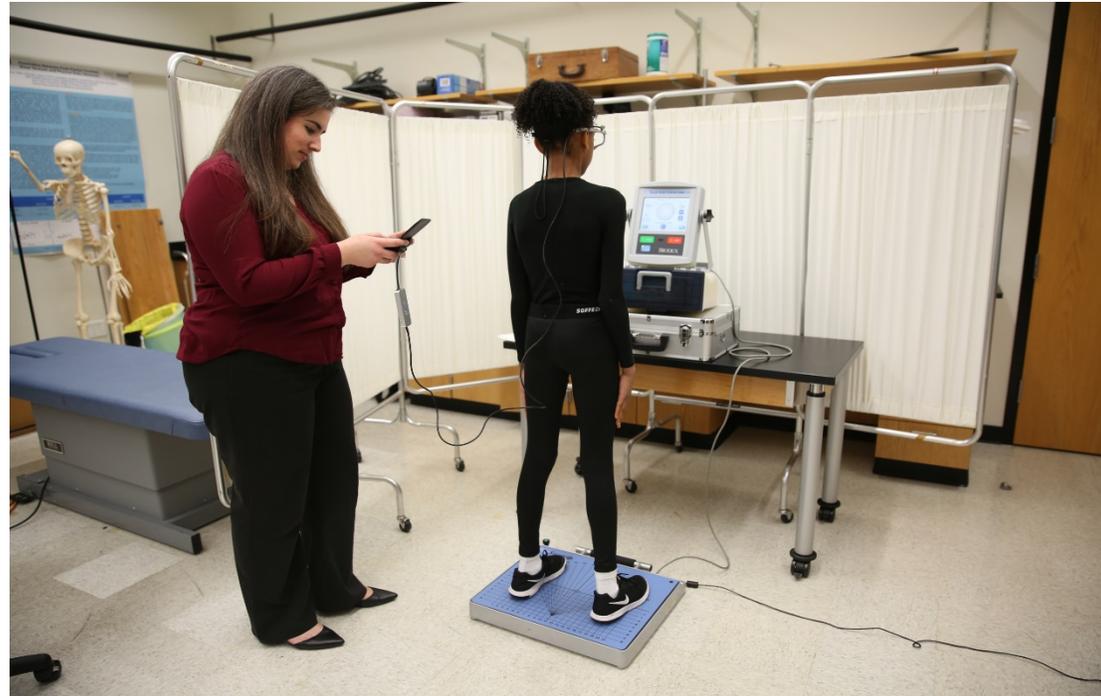
You will wear special glasses that help us to see the way your eyes move.



Next, we will ask you to look at three dots and a cross in front of you.



You will play some balance games. In the first game, you will try to stand very still. It's important not to move your feet. First you will stand still with your eyes open.



Then you will close your eyes. Keep your head and body still and quiet. Pretend that your feet are glued to the platform. We will be standing right next to you.



Next, you will open your eyes again. You will wear a special hat that goes over your head. It is not heavy. Again, keep your feet glued to the platform. You won't have to wear the hat for very long.



In the next game, you will see 8 tan circles. You will also see a black dot. When you move your body, the black dot will move too. You will lean your body to the front, back, and side to hit the circles that turn red. Make sure that your feet are still glued to the platform. You might play this game more than once.



Thank you for playing these balance games with us! You helped science! If you have any questions, you can ask Dr. Miller or Gabriela before you leave.

**THANK  
YOU!**

