

# DIGITAL INNOVATION FOR DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOPATHOLOGY: THE EXPERIENCE OF

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## Integrating a New Online Platform in Primary Care for Early Detection, Referral, and Intervention in Autism Spectrum Disorder: The First Italian Pivotal Project

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**Abstract:** Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a heterogeneous condition characterized by deficits in social communication and a repetitive pattern of behavior, with recent Italian prevalence estimates of 1 in 77. Although the core behavioral features of ASD appear to emerge within the first two years of life, clinical diagnosis is often not received before the third birthday. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has recommended that primary care physicians routinely screen for ASD at the 18- and 24-month visits. In Italy, the Guidelines of the Italian National Institute for Health (ISS) recommend the Checklist for Autism in Toddlers (CHAT) as a screening tool for ASD, while companions parent responses with a semistructured observation by a healthcare provider. In the Italian National Health System, pediatricians have regular visits with all children; however, there is wide variability in following screening guidelines, and some barriers have been detected; these reasons, other studies have highlighted the advantages of using telemedicine with the goal of enhancing ASD screening practices. The current study is an examination of the implementation of the first Italian online web-based screening tool (Web Italian Network for Autism Spectrum DisorderWIN4ASD), an innovative web app for pediatricians. We present the data obtained from screening activity through the platform by a small group of pediatricians. The results show that the implemented web-based platform appears to be an effective, efficient, and easy way to integrate screening services into primary care.

**Keywords:** autism spectrum disorder; online screening; early detection; primary care



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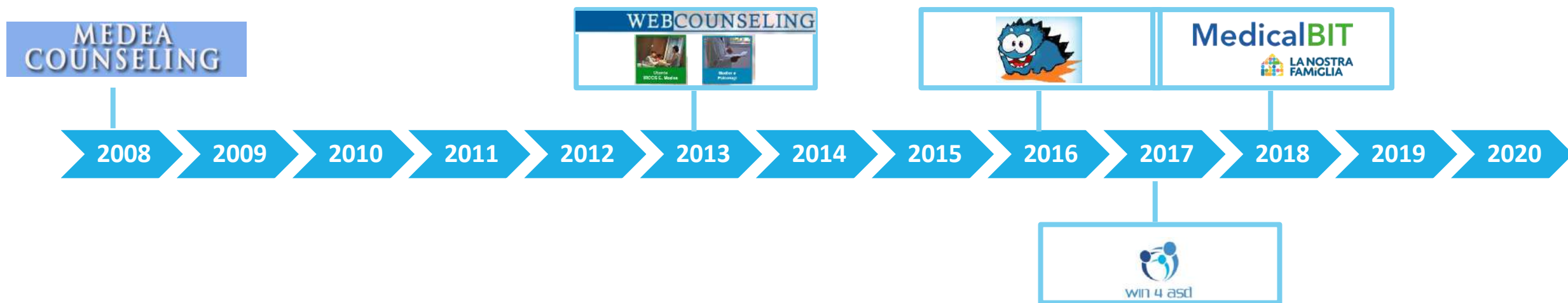
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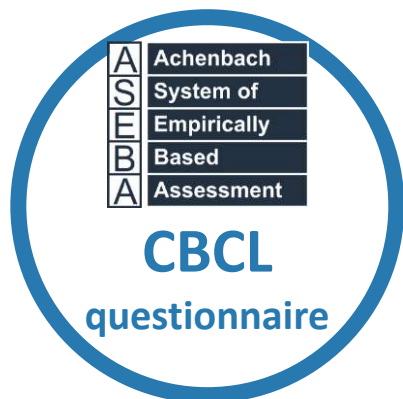
# OUR HISTORY

## EVOLUTION OF DIGITAL INNOVATION AT IRCCS MEDEA



# OUR HISTORY

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS WITH OTHER DIGITAL PLATFORMS





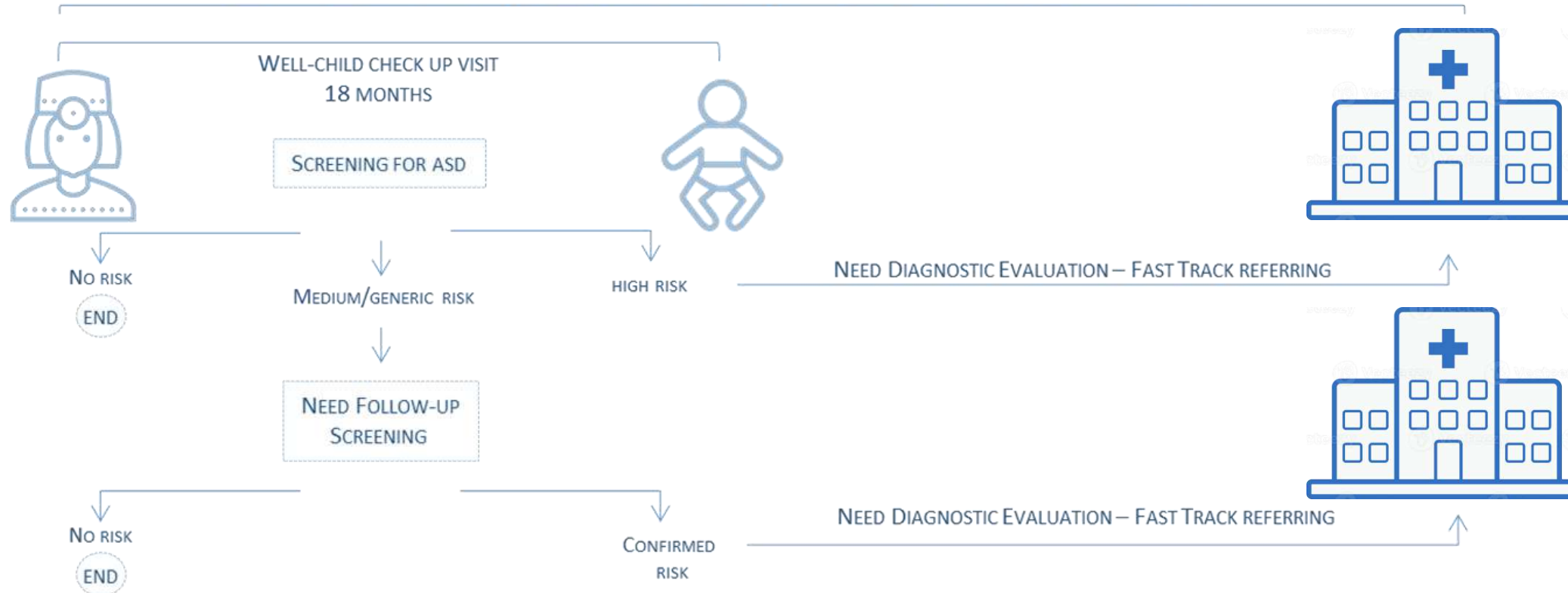
# WEB ITALIAN NETWORK FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

## Web Platform

To facilitate connection between **primary care services** and **child psychiatric services**

## WEB PLATFORM WIN4ASD – WEB ITALIAN NETWORK FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

FACILITATE THE COLLABORATION AND THE EXCHANGE BETWEEN PRIMARY CARE SYSTEMS AND SPECIALIST SERVICES







# CHAT

## Checklist for Autism in Toddler



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### Early identification of autism by the CHecklist for Autism in Toddlers (CHAT)

Simon Baron-Cohen PhD Sally Wheelwright MSc Antony Cox FRCPsych<sup>1</sup> Gillian Baird FRCPCH<sup>1</sup>  
Tony Charman PhD<sup>2</sup> John Swettenham PhD<sup>3</sup> Auriol Drew MA<sup>1</sup> Peter Doehring PhD<sup>4</sup>

*J R Soc Med* 2000;93:521–525

The CHecklist for Autism in Toddlers (CHAT) is a screening instrument that identifies children aged 18 months who are at risk for autism. This article explains how the CHAT was developed and how it should be used. First we offer a brief introduction to autism.

syndrome are present, together with a history of language delay (defined as not using single words by two years old or phrase speech by three years old).

#### EARLY DETECTION

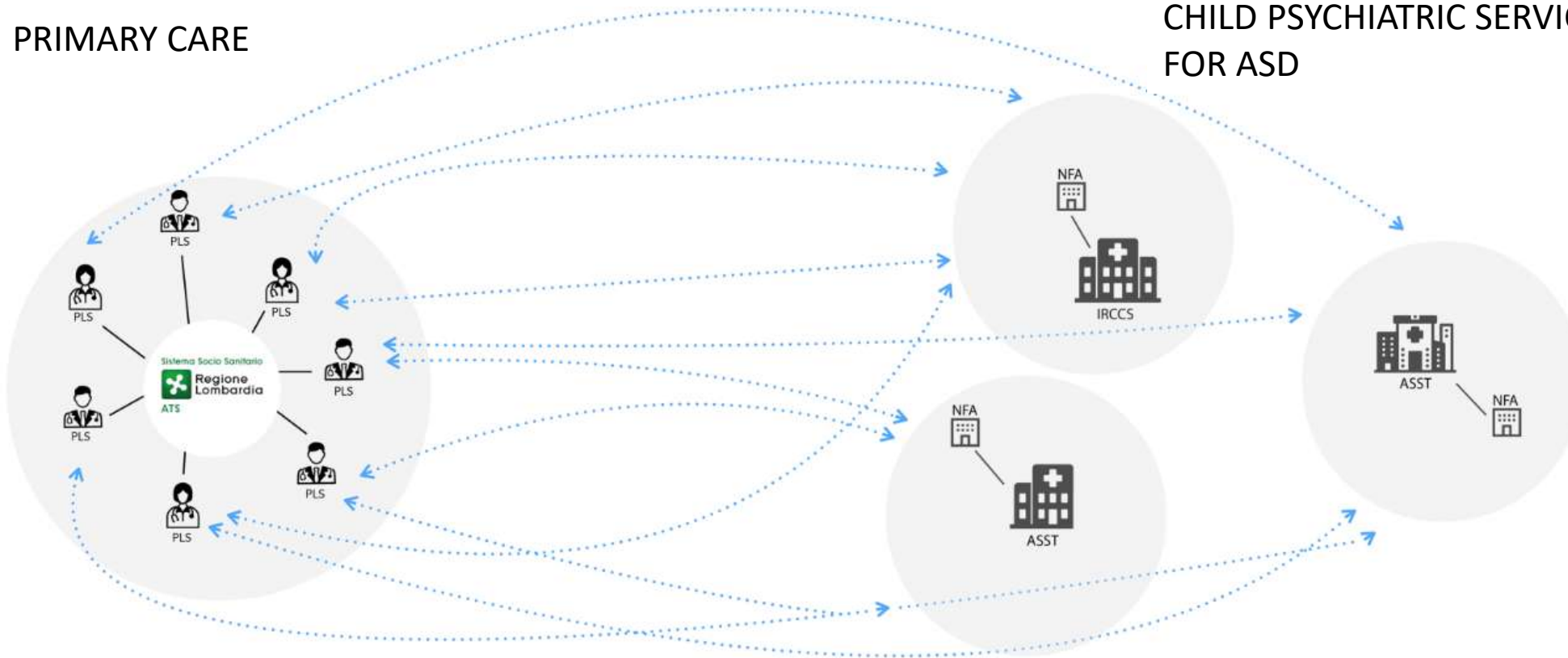
Fast and simple screening tool:  
(14 items, 10 minutes)

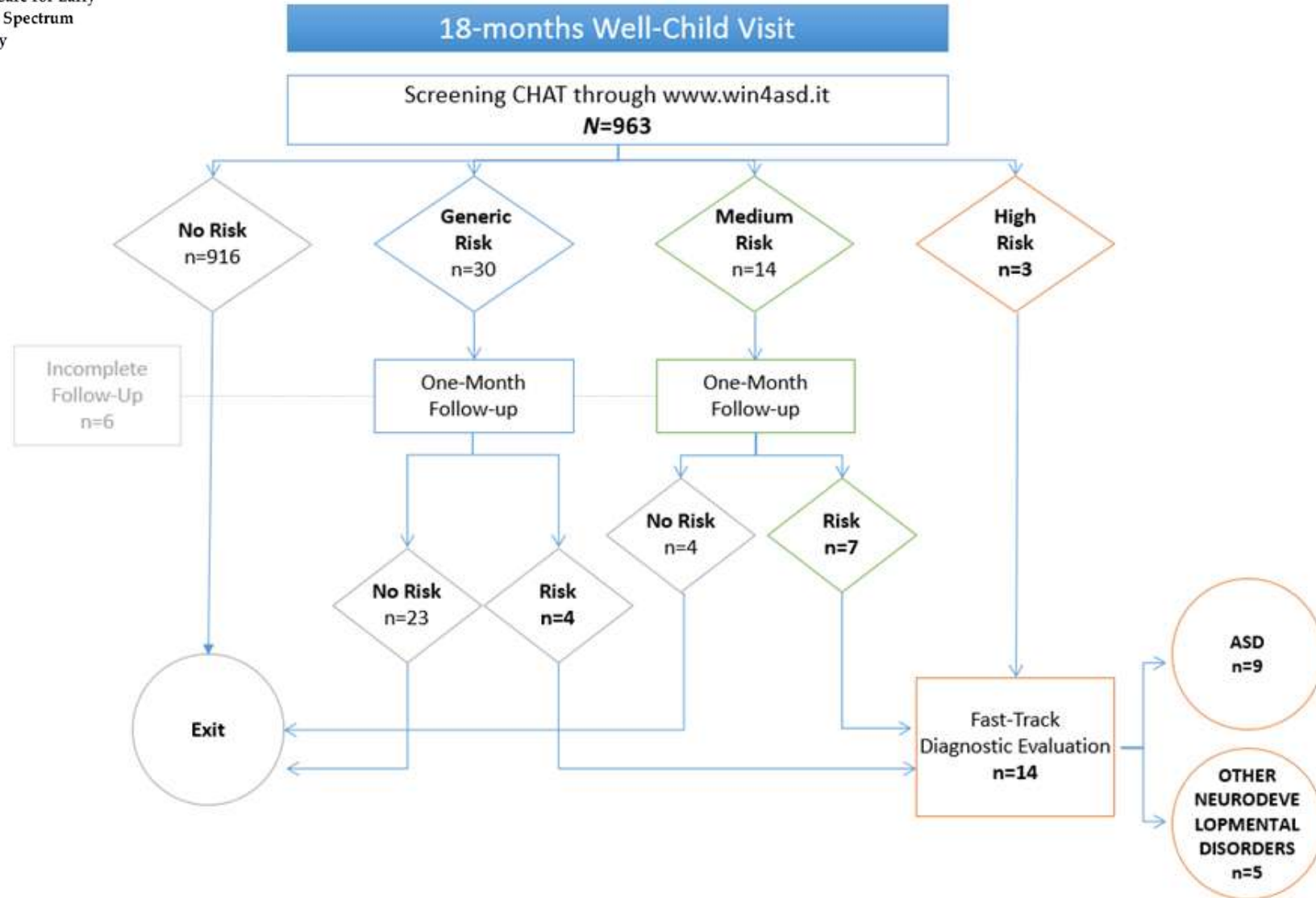
- ✓ Section A: **questions for parents**
- ✓ Section B: observational **items checked by pediatrician**

Integration of direct and indirect informations

## PRIMARY CARE

## CHILD PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES FOR ASD





# DASHBOARD



## PEDIATRI

ISCRITTI **1.258**  
AL 14/10/2024

ATTIVI **902**  
11/01/2018 - 14/10/2024

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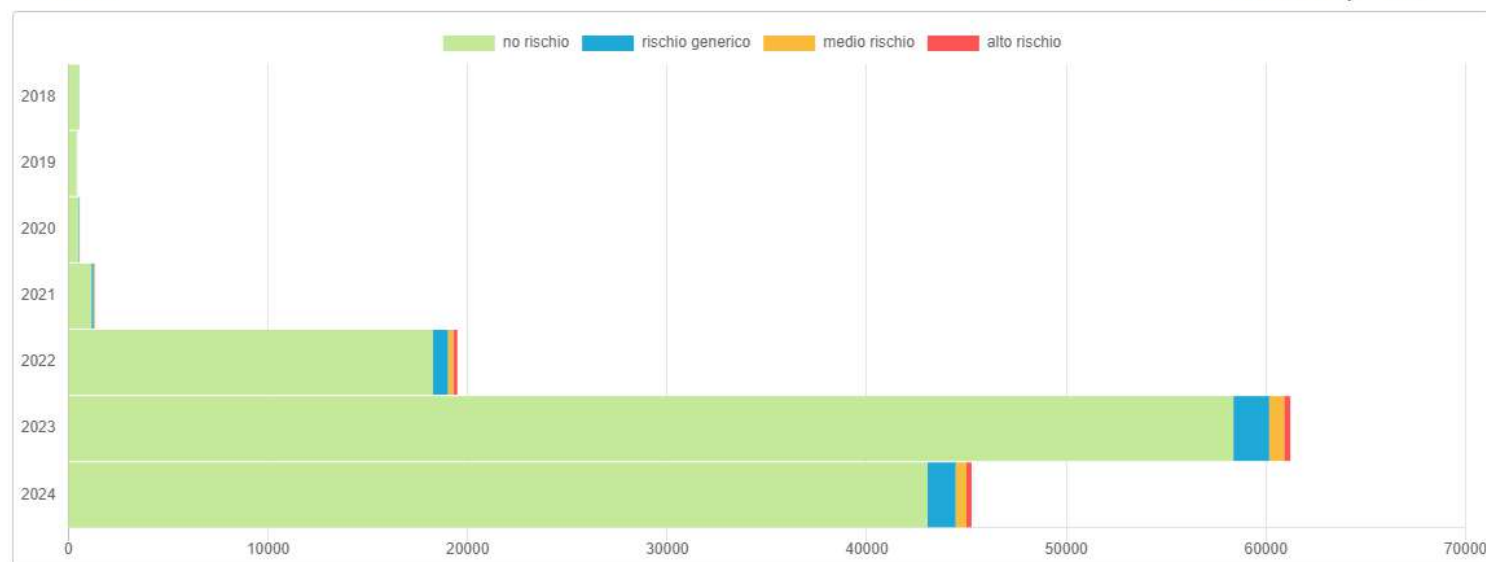
## CHAT

ESEGUITE **64.405**  
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di cui ALTO RISCHIO (0,6%) **409**

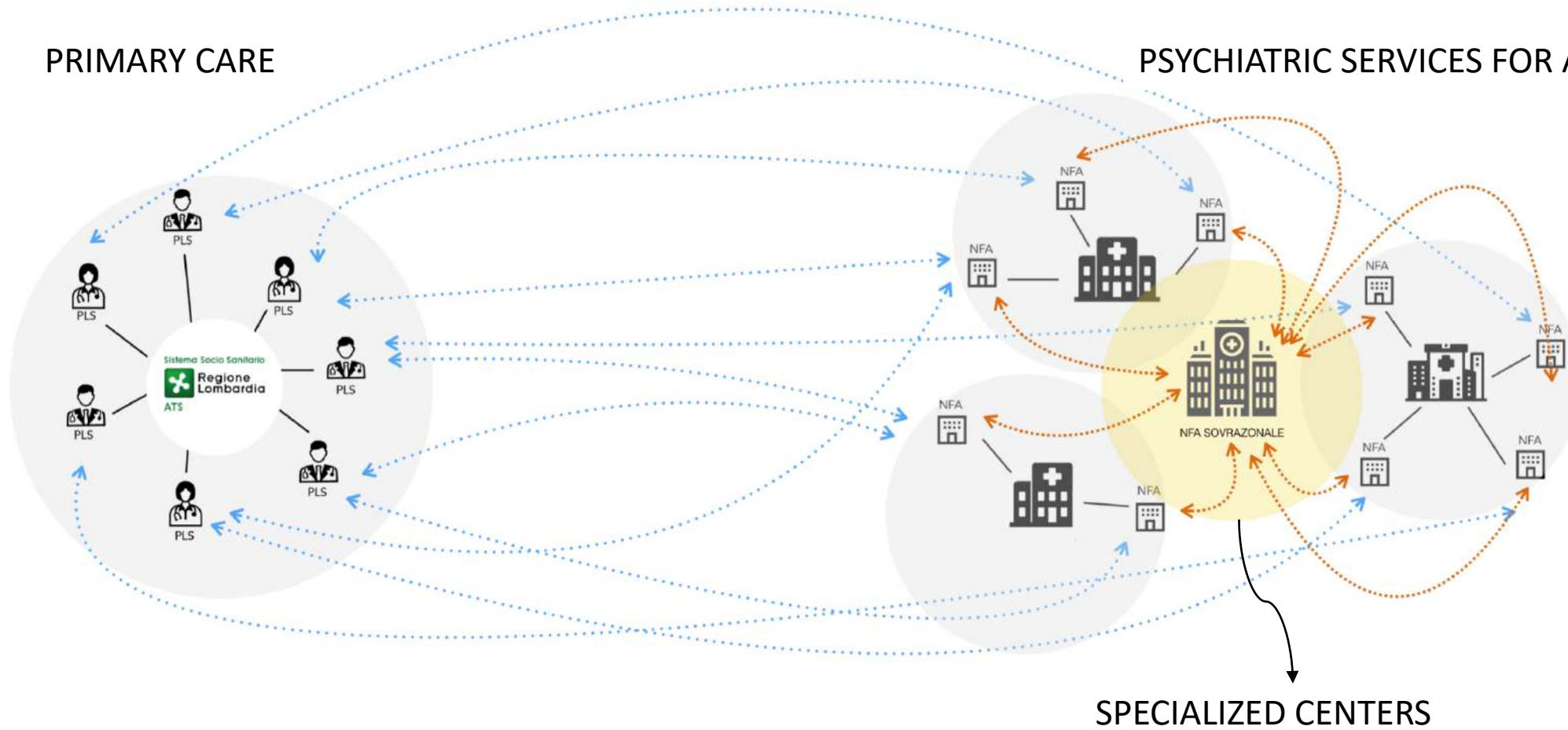
## Chat

suddivisione per anno



## PRIMARY CARE

## PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES FOR ASD







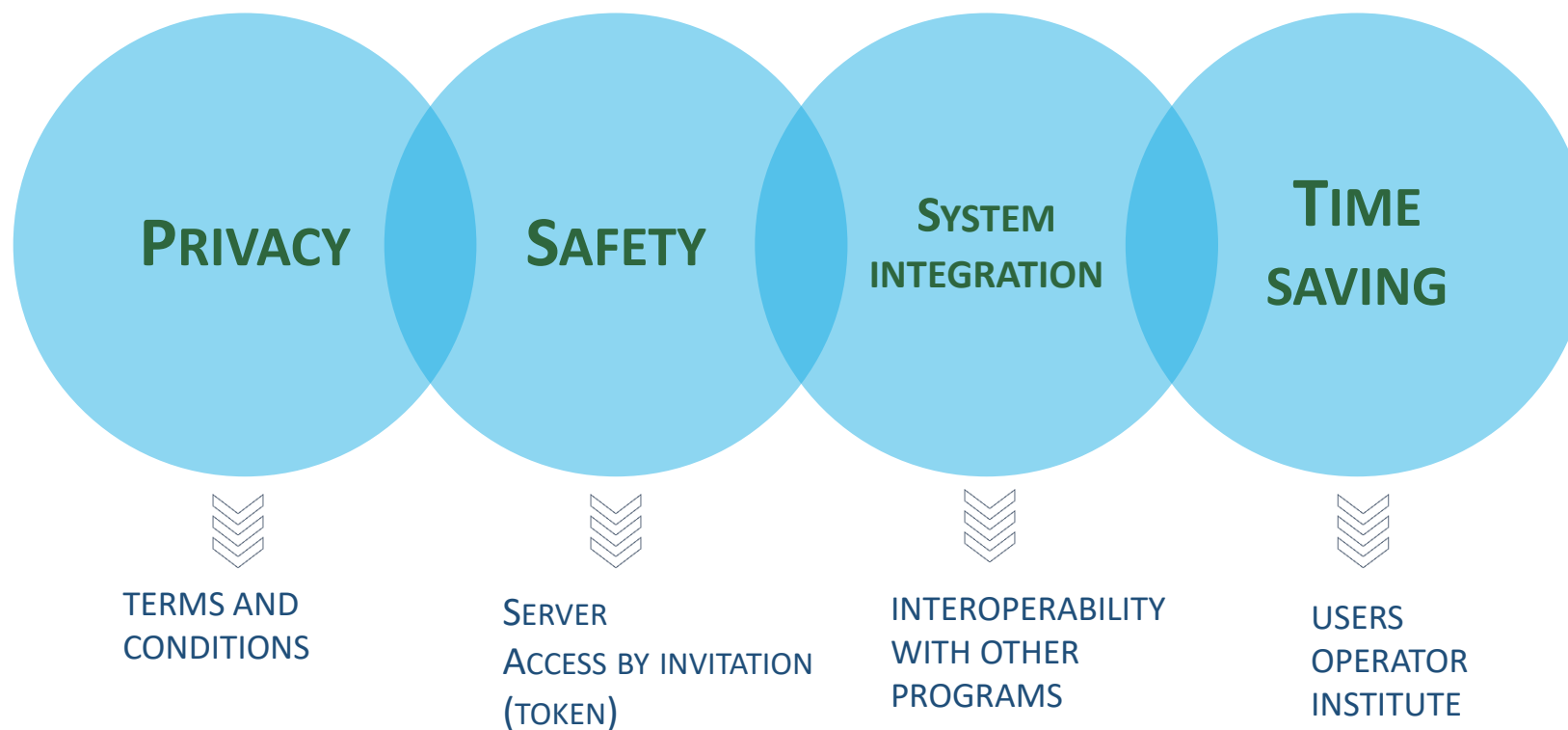
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**A telemedicine platform to support clinical activity in child psychiatry service**

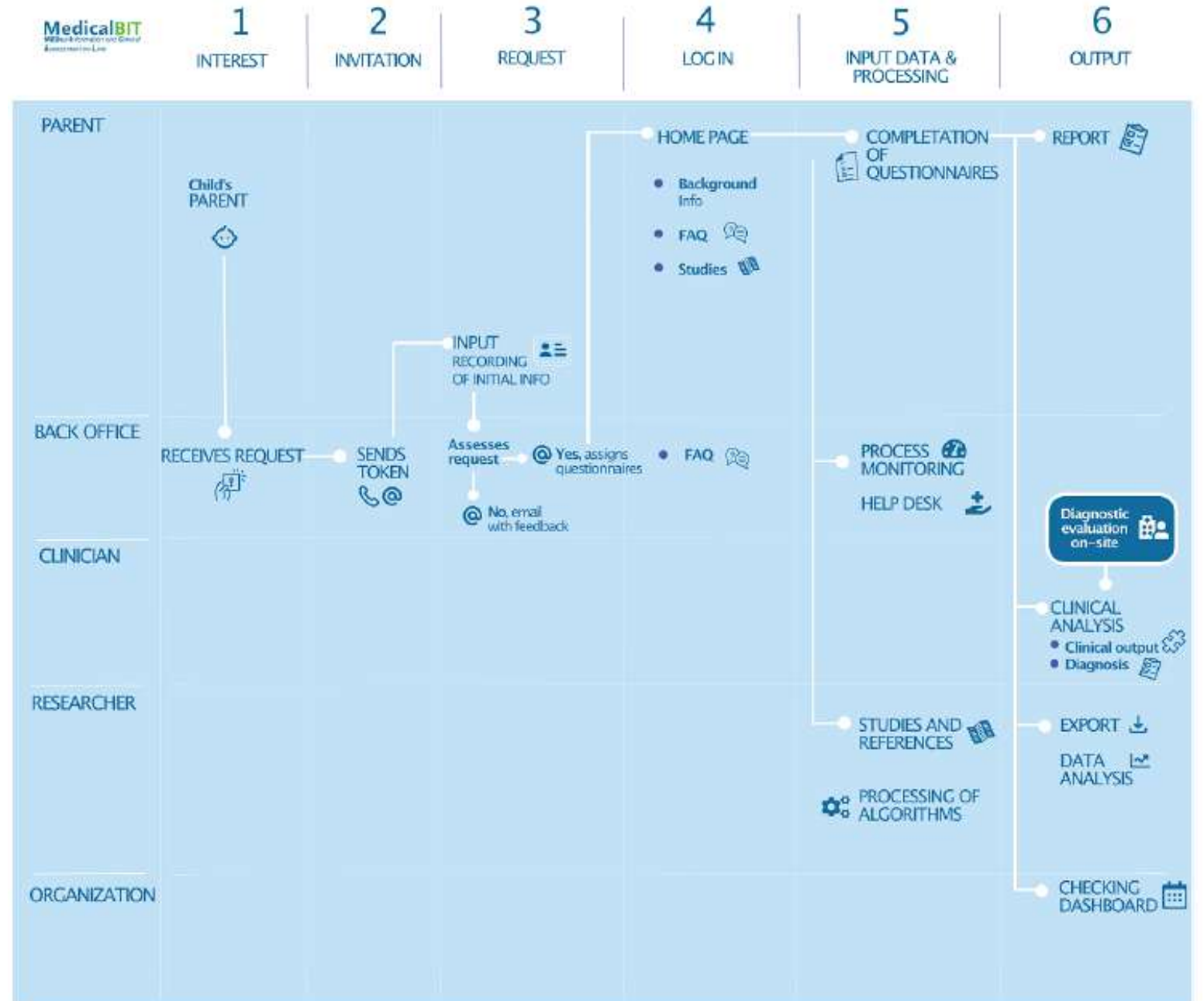


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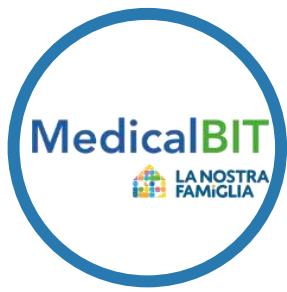




## DIAGNOSTIC PROCESS







# SCREENING AND DIAGNOSTIC TOOLS

INPUT

AGE RANGE: 18 months – 15 years

SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE FOR:

RISK  
FACTORS

ASD

SPEECH  
DIS.

LEARNING  
DIS.

EMOTIONAL  
AND BEHAV.  
DIS.

QUALITY  
OF  
LIFE

DIAGNOSTIC TOOLS:

CBCL

DAWBA



# CLINICAL SINGLE OUTPUT

OUTPUT

Clinical Output

SDQ 4-16

SULLE CAPACITÀ E  
SULLE DIFFICOLTÀ

COMPLETATO  
IL 17/05/2021

📍 14 - caso limite

5 SINTOMI EMOZIONALI A RISCHIO SCALA DA: 0 + 10 (SOGLIA 4)	1 COMPORTAMENTO IN NORMA SCALA DA: 0 + 10 (SOGLIA 3)	1 IPERATTIVITÀ IN NORMA SCALA DA: 0 + 10 (SOGLIA 6)
7 RAPPORTI COI PARI A RISCHIO SCALA DA: 0 + 10 (SOGLIA 3)	8 PROSOCIALI IN NORMA SCALA INVERSA DA: 0 + 10 (SOGLIA 5)	2 IMPATTO A RISCHIO SCALA DA: 0 + 2 (SOGLIA 1)

AQ-CHILD

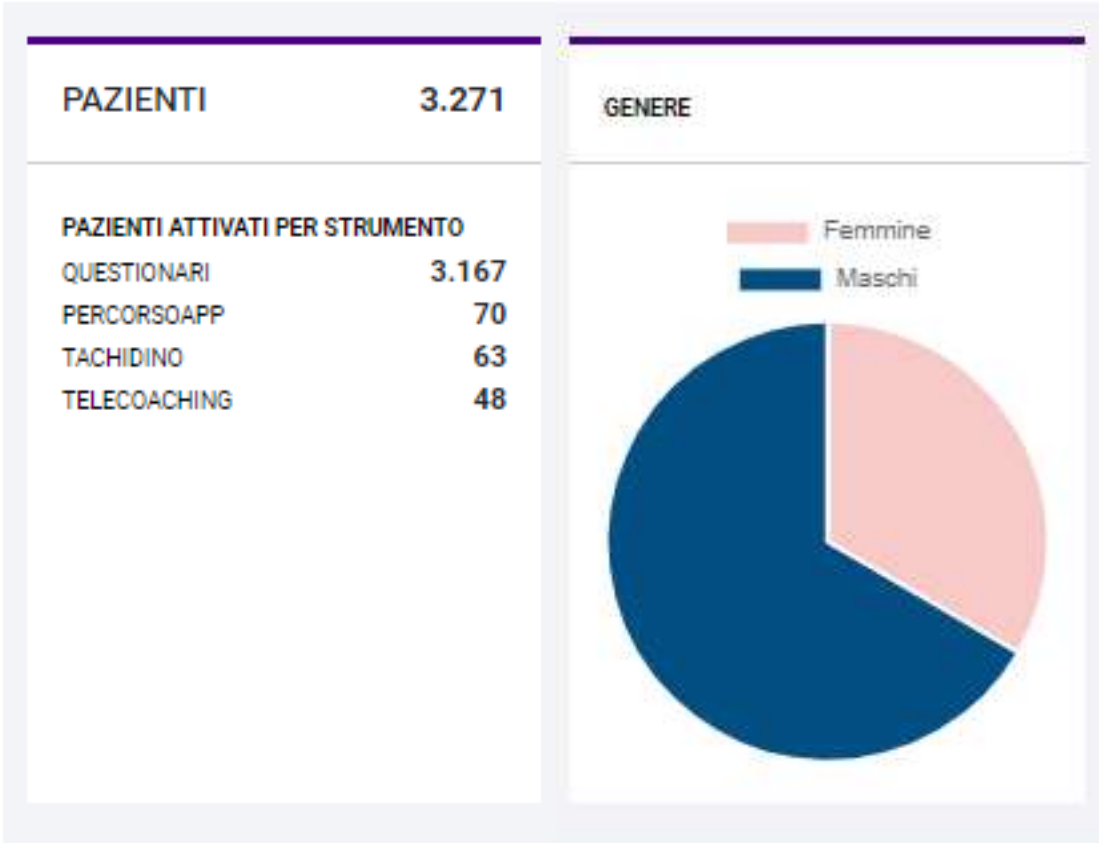
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8 ABILITÀ SOCIALI SOPRA SOGLIA SCALA DA: 0 + 10 (SOGLIA 7)	10 ATTENTION SWITCHING SOPRA SOGLIA SCALA DA: 0 + 10 (SOGLIA 7)	10 ATTENZIONE AL DETTAGLIO SOPRA SOGLIA SCALA DA: 0 + 10 (SOGLIA 7)
7 COMUNICAZIONE SOPRA SOGLIA SCALA DA: 0 + 10 (SOGLIA 7)	10 IMMAGINAZIONE SOPRA SOGLIA SCALA DA: 0 + 10 (SOGLIA 7)	



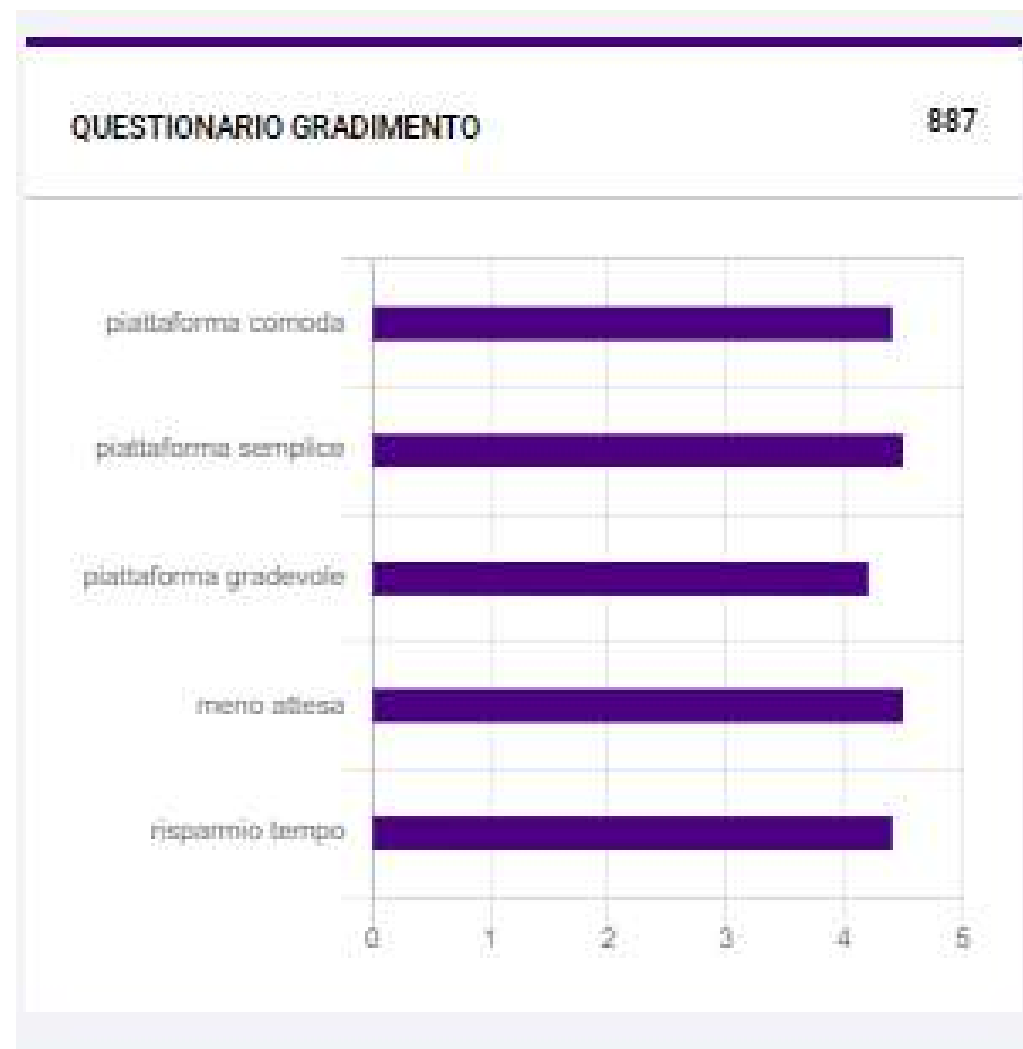
# DASHBOARD



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	QUIR-DC 54-6097
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	M-CHAT-R/F32
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	PEDSQL 2-42
	PEDSQL 5-72



# DASHBOARD: CUSTOMER SATISFACTION





# CLINICAL REPORT

OUTPUT

Reporting

MedicalBIT [mostra menù](#)

Seleziona report

seleziona ...

seleziona ...

sdq\_2\_4

sdq\_4\_16

m-chat

aq\_child

quirdc\_20\_30

quirdc\_30\_54

quirdc\_54\_60

dsa\_7\_9

dsa\_9\_11

dsa\_11\_15

pedsqI\_2\_4

pedsqI\_5\_7

pedsqI\_8\_12

pedsqI\_13\_18

pedsqI\_impatto



OUTPUT

Reporting

# CLINICAL REPORT

Seleziona report

seleziona ...

MEDICALBIT  
REPORT CLINICO SDQ 4\_16

TOTALE

QUESTIONARI 2480

SCALE	MIN	MAX	MEDIA	DEVIAZIONE STD
Emotivi	0	10	3,11	2,32
Comportamento	0	10	2,62	1,99
Iperattività	0	10	4,93	2,71
Rapporti con i pari	0	10	2,12	2,10
Prosociali	0	10	7,66	2,02
Impatto	0	10	2,97	2,62
Totale difficoltà	0	33	12,36	6,70
Dysregulation	0	9	2,35	1,88

MEDIA PUNTEGGI TOTALI PER SCALA

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Seleziona Diagnosi 1:

Seleziona Diagnosi 2:

applica



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OUTPUT

Reporting

Seleziona Diagnosi 1: ASD

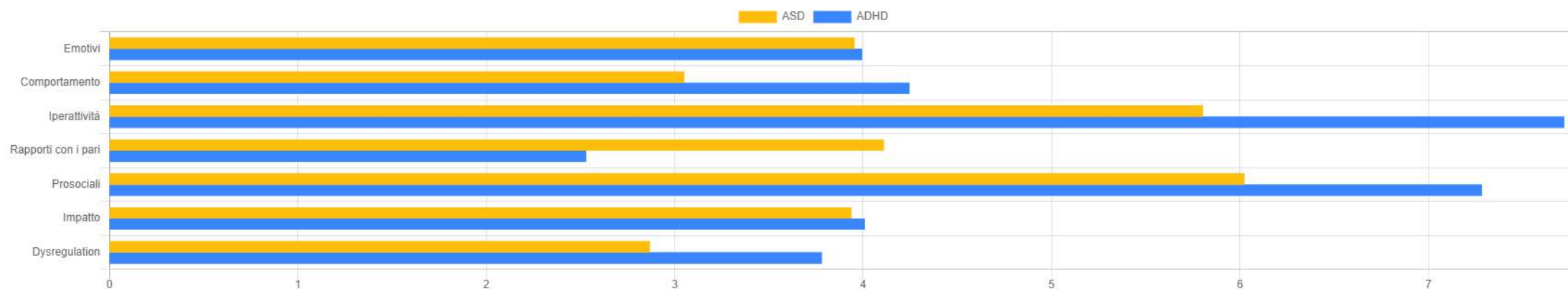
ASD

Seleziona Diagnosi 2: ADHD

ADHD

applica

Confronto ASD (# 173) - ADHD (# 219)





# OUTPUT FOR RESEARCH

OUTPUT

Export Data

MedicalBIT nascondi menu

Utenti  
Sedi  
Strumenti  
Pazienti  
Tachidino  
Questionari  
Personali  
export  
Data  
Dashboard

## esportazione file xlsx

[scarica il questionario di ingresso](#)  
[scarica il questionario di gradimento](#)

Seleziona

- Seleziona
- AQ-Child
- CBCL 1,5-5
- CBCL 6-18
- DSA 11-15
- DSA 7-9
- DSA 9-11
- M-CHAT-R/F
- PedsQL 13-18
- PedsQL 2-4
- PedsQL 5-7
- PedsQL 8-12
- PedsQL IMPATTO
- QUIR-DC 20-30
- QUIR-DC 30-54
- QUIR-DC 54-60
- SDQ 2-4 Sulle capacità e sulle difficoltà
- SDQ 4-16 Sulle capacità e sulle difficoltà
- Socio-anamnestico





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RESEARCH

CLINICAL  
PRACTICE





**MedicalBIT** follows children and their families during assessment and rehabilitation pathway:

## DIAGNOSTIC PROCESS

The platform supports the diagnostic process with a structured collection of information that allows the parent to provide a complete and essential description of their child that the clinician will use for the next step.

## THERAPEUTIC PROCESS

Multimedial and innovative paths integrated with traditional clinical practice, enriching the therapeutic and rehabilitation process.

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## THERAPEUTIC AND REHABILITATION PROCESS



QUESTIONARI



PERCORSI APP



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PERCORSI PER GENITORI



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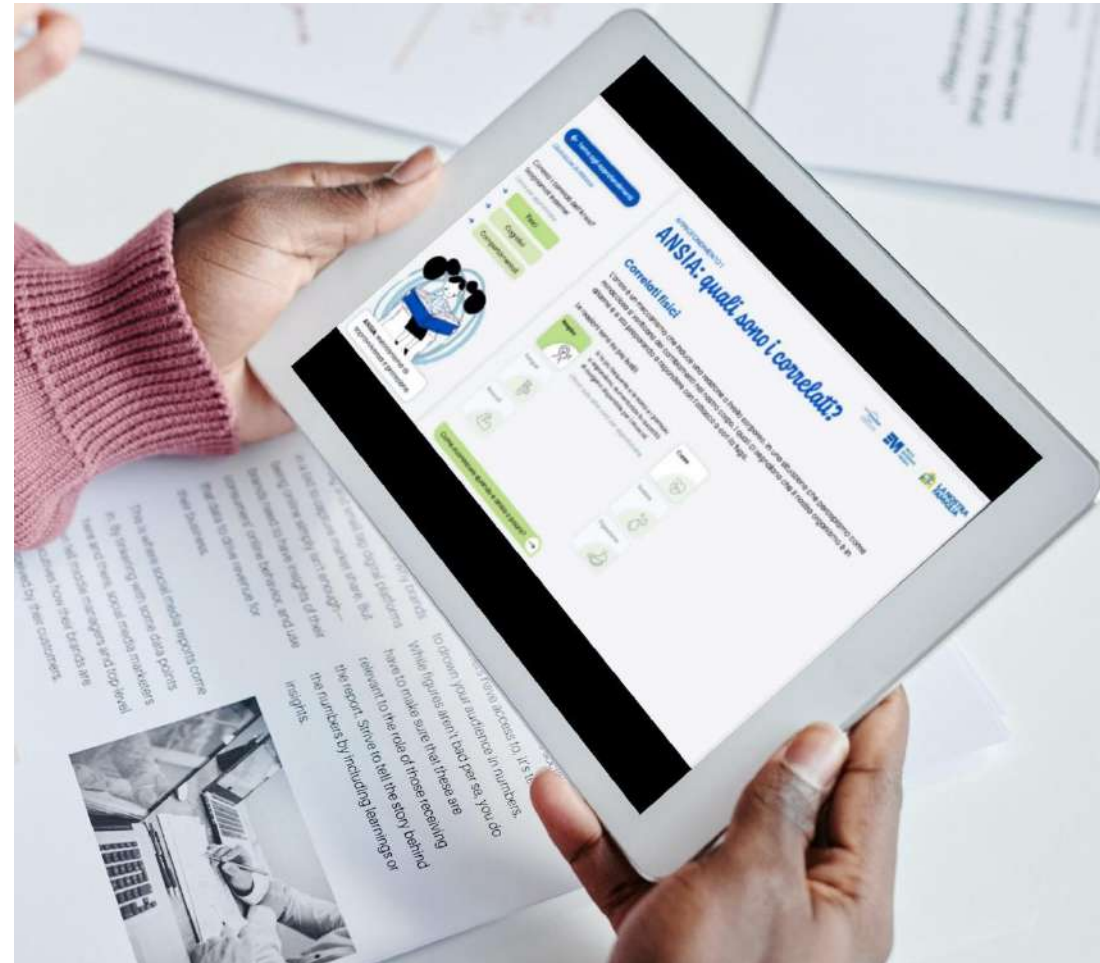
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