

# Autism

## What is Autism Spectrum Disorder?

Autism, or autism spectrum disorder, refers to a range of conditions characterized by challenges with Autism, or a range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication, as well as by unique strengths and differences. We now know that there is not one autism but many types, caused by different combinations of genetic and environmental influences.

## Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Diagnostic Tools and Assessments

[CDC Screening Recommendations](#)

[Autism Diagnosis Interview – Revised \(ADI-R\).](#)

[Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition current](#)

[Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers, Revised \(M-CHAT-R™\)](#)

[Pediatric Screening and Developmental Flowchart](#)

## Common Treatments for ASD

[Early Intervention Services](#)

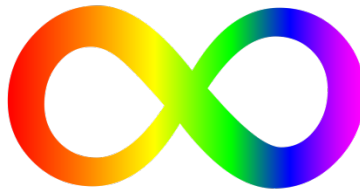
[Floortime](#)

[Social Skills Training](#)

[Early Start Denver Model \(ESDM\)](#)

[Applied Behavioral Analysis](#)

[Pivotal Response Treatment](#)



**FACT: Autism impacts the normal development of the brain in the areas of social interaction, communication skills, and cognitive function.**

### **Scholarly Articles for Clinicians and Parents regarding ASD**

[Caring for a Child with Autism Spectrum Disorder and Parents' Quality of Life: Application of the CarerQoL](#)

[10 Things Autism Parents Wish You Knew](#)

[Supporting Parents of Children with Autism: The Role of the Occupational Therapist](#)

[Early Intervention for Parents of Children with Autism Reduces Symptoms](#)

[Challenges Faced by Parents of Children Diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder](#)

[Getting Evaluated for Autism as an Adult](#)

### **ASD Informational Websites**

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/actearly/>

<http://www.autismnavigator.com/>

<http://www.asatonline.org/>

<https://www.autism.com/>

<http://www.autism-society.org/>

<http://ahany.org/>

[Inpatient Treatment Centers](#)

[Autism Speaks Regional-based guide link to Autism Resources](#)

[Autism Treatment Network Registry](#)