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Autism Canada FOUNDATION

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Our Mission:

- ◆ to advance knowledge of effective treatment options for individuals with Autistic Spectrum Disorder, and provide objective information on all effective medical, behavioural, spiritual and nutritional treatments and therapies.
- ◆ to facilitate research addressing the causes and cures of Autistic Spectrum Disorder.
- ◆ to provide assistance to individuals and families in financial need who wish to pursue a therapy or treatment for a family member diagnosed with Autistic Spectrum Disorder.
- ◆ to promote public, government and professional awareness of early diagnosis and effective treatment options for individuals diagnosed with Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

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We are committed to limiting administration costs to 10% of total operating costs.

Our founding Directors are all parents of autistic children.

is
this
your
CHILD?

- ◆ *Prefers to play alone*
- ◆ *Has excessive tantrums*
- ◆ *Demonstrates limited pretend play*
- ◆ *Has poor speech or 'loses' words*
- ◆ *Avoids eye contact*
- ◆ *Seems to ignore you*
- ◆ *Has repetitive and unusual behaviour*
- ◆ *Does not 'show you' or 'point to' objects*
- ◆ *Has chronic diarrhea or constipation*

If your child has some of these symptoms and is between 18 and 36 months of age, he or she may be showing early signs of Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

If you suspect your child may have ASD, consult a physician specializing in developmental disorders immediately.

The incidence of Autistic Spectrum Disorder is reaching epidemic proportions and is currently diagnosed in up to 1 in 150 children.



**We need your support.....
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**Early diagnosis and
intervention is critical!**

autistic SPECTRUM disorder

Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a complex biomedical condition that affects the normal function of the gastrointestinal, immune, hepatic, endocrine and nervous systems. Autism impacts normal brain development, leaving most individuals with communication problems, difficulty with typical social interactions, prone to repeat specific patterns of behaviour, and a markedly restricted repertoire of activity and interests.

Disorders within the Autistic Spectrum:

- **Pervasive Development Disorder (PDD)**
- **Rett's Disorder**
- **Autistic Disorder**
- **Childhood Disintegrative Disorder**
- **Asperger's Disorder**

Treatments and Therapies

Each individual will benefit from a holistic or broad-based approach drawing upon various treatments and therapies unique to their symptoms and abilities. The following treatments and therapies are currently used to manage or eliminate the symptoms of autistic spectrum disorder.

Biomedical Treatments

- Dietary Intervention
- Nutritional Supplements
- Detoxification
- Medication
- Immuno-therapy
- Anti-viral Treatment

Educational and Management Programs

- Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA)
- TEACCH
- Floortime
- Verbal Behaviour
- Son Rise/Options Institute

Communication Therapies

- Picture Exchange Communication
- Signed Speech
- Social Stories
- Facilitated Communication

Sensory, Mind and Body Therapies

- Sensory Integration
- Physical Therapy
- Music Therapy
- Cranial Sacral Therapy
- Circle of Friends
- Auditory Integration



For current information on ASD visit www.autismcanada.org