

What is Autism ?

Autism is a lifelong developmental disability that affects how a person communicates with, and relates to, other people. It also affects how they make sense of the world around them.

It is a spectrum condition, which means that, while all people with autism share certain difficulties, their condition will affect them in different ways.



ASD typically appears during the early years of life.

Early assessment and intervention are crucial to a child's long-term success



no smiling at people by 6 months

No babbling, pointing or meaningful gestures by 12 months

no one-word communications by 16 months

No two word communicaton by 24 months

No interest in play or people

Not responding to sounds or name call

Poor eye to eye contact



Impairment in communication



Impairment in social interaction

Repetitive & stereotyped behaviour

Is there a cure?

- There is no 'cure' for autism. However, there is a range of strategies and approaches, methods of enabling learning and development, which people may find to be helpful.
- Treatments can include intensive skill-building, interactive and child-centered versions of behavior treatments.
- Treatment may also involve special training and support for parents, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, and/or social skills training.

What does speech language pathologist do?

- Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) play a central role in the screening, assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of persons with ASD
- They develop treatment plans and provide counseling to improve speech, language and social communication.



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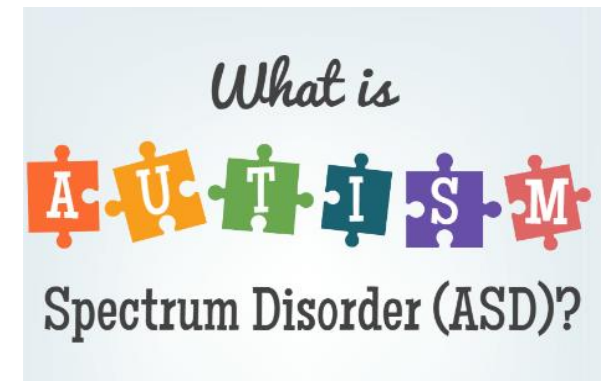


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