

Autism

Autism is a Neurodevelopment disorder that consists of social impairments, difficulty with communication, and an interest of doing odd or abnormal activities. It is a more severe form of PDD.

Symptoms of Autism

- As an infant being unresponsive while focusing on an object
- Not responding to their name and will often avoid eye contact.
- Lacking empathy
- Difficulty understanding social cues such as tone of voice or facial expressions
- May speak in third person
- Causing pain to themselves by biting or head-banging.

Treatments for Autism

There is not a cure for autism but there is therapy that can help improve skills that the children tend to lose such as social, motor, and cognitive skills. Doctors can also prescribe medication to help with certain symptoms such as depression or anxiety.