## Autism spectrum treatment

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a brain-developing condition that affects how a person perceives and socializes with other people.

Autism spectrum disorder begins in early childhood and, over time, causes problems functioning in society, socially, at school, and at work, for example. Often, children show symptoms of Autism within the first year. A small number of children seem to develop normally in the first year and then go through a period of regression between eighteen and twenty-four months of age when they develop symptoms of Autism.

Babies develop at their own pace, and many don't follow the deadlines in some parenting books. However, children with autism spectrum disorder often show some signs of developmental delay before age two.

If you're concerned about your child's development or suspect your child may have autism spectrum disorder, talk to your doctor about your concerns. Symptoms associated with the disorder may also be related to other developmental disorders.

For more information:

**Autism (Autism Spectrum Disorder)** 

**Autism: Ask Health Professionals**