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What is Autism?

Autism is a neurological disorder that affects **1 in 150** children with four times more boys being affected than girls. Symptoms of autism first appear around 18 - 24 months of age. Early intervention and inclusion with typical peers help children with autism gain valuable skills.

Autism is not the result of bad parenting nor are children with autism just being unruly or spoiled kids with a behavior problem.

Most people with autism are not savants, like the character portrayed by Dustin Hoffman in the movie "Rain Man."

Children with autism have feelings and emotions just like we do. The main differences children with Autism have are difficulty with communicating, social skills, unusual interests or behaviors and special challenges.

Autism Spectrum Disorders include diagnosis of Autism, High Functioning Autism, Asperger's and PDD-NOS.

Treatment Options include:

- Educational
- Biomedical
- Speech-Language Therapy
- Communication
- Intensive Autism Therapies
- Occupational and Sensory Therapies

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What we know is:

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