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Signs of Autism

AUTISM

Persons with autism may possess the following characteristics in various combinations and in varying degrees of severity.



Inappropriate laughing or giggling



No real fear of dangers



Apparent insensitivity to pain



May not want cuddling



Sustained unusual or repetitive play; Uneven physical or verbal skills



May avoid eye contact



May prefer to be alone



Difficulty in expressing needs; May use gestures



Inappropriate attachments to objects



Insistence on sameness



Echoes words or phrases



Inappropriate response or no response to sound



Spins objects or self



Difficulty in interacting with others

Pervasive Developmental Disorders (DSM-IV, 1993)

