



Autism spectrum disorder



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Directions: Determine the correct answer to each of the following, based on information derived from the article.

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- 1. Nearly 15 percent of individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) in childhood no longer have ASD by age 25.
- 2. Children of older parents have a lower risk for ASD.
- 3. A universal characteristic of people with ASD is below-average intelligence and poor performance in school.
- 4. Autism can now be diagnosed at an earlier age than it could have been previously.
- 5. Autism spectrum disorder has its greatest effect on a child between the ages of 3 and 5 years.
- 6. Asperger’s syndrome is a more severe form of ASD.
- 7. A diagnosis of autism is more often made by more than one health professional, not by a single primary care provider.
- 8. The weight of scientific evidence indicates that ASD is not caused by bad parenting.
- 9. Asperger’s syndrome is a separate category of diagnosis within the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition (DSM-5)* and is not classified under ASD.
- 10. The brain of an individual with ASD is not able to limit synaptic connections, and this results in excess stimuli.
- 11. A diagnosis for ASD is primarily based on genetic testing and brain imaging tests.
- 12. The incidence of ASD is the same for boys and girls.
- 13. Children with ASD typically have difficulty adjusting to changing circumstances, such as a new neighborhood.

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- 14. For some children with ASD, it is advisable to allot a longer time for medical appointments.
- 15. Medical assistants and other staff should be informed that a patient may have ASD before the beginning of an appointment.

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