

World Autism Month

Reminder:

April 2nd is WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

What is Autism Spectrum Disorder?

Autism = Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

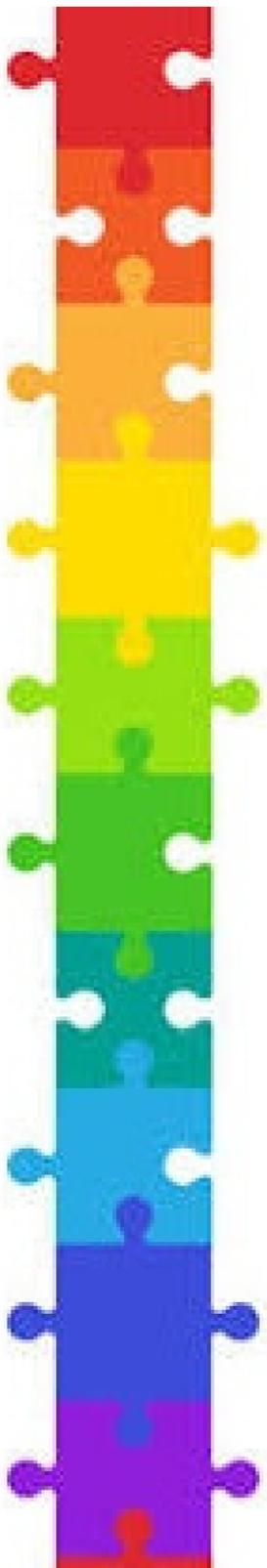
Autism Spectrum Disorder is a complex condition linked to brain development. It affects the way that people experience the world and how they interact with others.

What is the cure?

There is no cure for ASD. Opportunists often prey on vulnerable and desperate people by offering treatments but ASD is a lifelong condition. However, by educating ourselves, we are better able to provide support to individuals with ASD.

Who does it affect?

ASD was previously considered to be a condition that only affected young males. In recent years, however, research has shown that this was most likely due to biased methods of making the diagnosis. Many adult women are receiving diagnoses later in life as females were often misdiagnosed or undiagnosed in the past - showing that all people can be affected.



ASD SYMPTOMS INCLUDE:

**DEVELOPMENTAL
LEARNING
DELAYS**

**DIFFICULTY
WITH SOCIAL
INTERACTION**

**OVER AND/OR UNDER
SENSITIVITY TO LIGHT,
SOUND, TOUCH, ETC.**



**ATTACHMENT TO
UNUSUAL INTERESTS**



**INSUFFICIENT IMPULSE
CONTROL**



**RECURRING SLEEP
PROBLEMS**

**TROUBLE WITH
TRANSITIONS OR
CHANGES IN ROUTINE**



**REPETITIVE
MOVEMENTS AND
BEHAVIOURS**

DID YOU KNOW?

Not all people with ASD will experience these symptoms. Autism is known as a "spectrum" because the types of symptoms and the severity of those symptoms varies widely.

**CONTACT YOUR COLLEGE
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**

TOLL FREE LINE: 0800 800 017

**(MONDAY - FRIDAY
08H00 – 16H30)**

**Adults with Autism
were once children
with Autism.
They too, need
understanding, acceptance
and awareness.**