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ASD



## Autism Spectrum Disorder

An **Autism Spectrum Disorder** varies from person to person. **ASD is a lifelong developmental disorder. People with ASD may demonstrate repetitive behaviour patterns, narrow obsessional interests and resistance to change. They have unusual sensitivity to their environments. ASPERGER'S SYNDROME IS A TYPE OF AUTISM.**

People with this condition have difficulties in three main areas.

They are: ***Social Communication, Social Interaction, and Social Imagination.***

**THEY ARE OFTEN REFERRED TO AS THE TRIAD OF IMPAIRMENTS AND ARE EXPLAINED IN MORE DETAIL BELOW...**

### Social

### Communication

- Difficulty expressing themselves emotionally & socially.
- Have difficulty understanding gestures, facial expressions or tone of voice.
- Not understanding jokes.
- Are very literal.
- Not knowing what to talk about.
- Lack of understanding of when to start or end a conversation.



### Social Imagination

- ❖ Find it hard to predict what will happen next.
- ❖ Difficulty understanding or interpreting other people's thoughts, feelings or actions.
- ❖ Have a limited range of imaginative activities.

### Social

### Interaction

- Find it hard to make and maintain friendships.
- Lacks understanding of social rules.
- Can find others confusing and unpredictable.
- Have inappropriate behaviours and manners.