

Autism

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General information

- Pervasive developmental disorder
- Problems with social interactions, language development and stereotypical behaviour
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Facts and figures

- Classic autistic disorder: 17/10`000
- Asperger-Syndrome: 8/10`000
- PDD-NOS: 36/10`000
- 3/4 of all autists are male

Different types

- Classic autistic disorder
- Asperger-Syndrome
- PDD-NOS

	Classic autistic disorder	Asperger syndrome
First symptoms	From the age of 10. – 12. months	From the age of 3 years
Eye contact	Seldom, hasty	Seldom, hasty
language	Mostly there are big language difficulties, delayed language development, interchange of pronomina	Early language development (high level of grammatical and stylistical language), problems of understanding metaphores and irony
intelligence	Basically mentally disabled, sometimes up to normal IQ	Normal or high intelligence, sometimes giftedness
Motor function	No noticeable problems which are linked to autism	Often problems with their motorical function, clumsy

Reasons

- Genetically
- Not proper function of the brain
- Biochemical- and neurological specialities

Therapies

- Individually
- Including all environments
- Help for the whole family

Thank you!