

## DSM-5: AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

Must meet criteria A, B, C, and D:				
<b>CRITERION A:</b> Are there persistent deficits in social communication and social interaction across multiple contexts, not accounted for by <b>general developmental delays</b> , and manifest by <b>ALL THREE</b> of the following:				
1. Deficits in social-emotional reciprocity, ranging, for example, from abnormal social approach and failure of normal back-and-forth conversation; to reduced sharing of interests, emotions, or affect; to failure to initiate or respond to social interactions?				
2. Deficits in nonverbal communicative behaviors used for social interaction, ranging, for example, from poorly integrated verbal and nonverbal communication; to abnormalities in eye contact and body-language or deficits in understanding and use of gestures; to a total lack of facial expression and nonverbal communication?				
3. Deficits in developing, maintaining, and understanding relationships, ranging, for example, from difficulties adjusting behaviour to suit various social contexts; to difficulties in sharing imaginative play or in making friends; to absence of interest in peers?				
<b>CRITERION B:</b> Are there restricted, repetitive patterns of behavior, interests, or activities, as manifested by AT LEAST <b>TWO</b> of the following:				
1. Stereotyped or repetitive motor movements, use of objects, or speech (such as, simple motor stereotypies, lining up toys or flipping objects, echolalia, idiosyncratic phrases)?				
2. Insistence on sameness, inflexible adherence to routines, or ritualized patterns of verbal or nonverbal behavior (such as, extreme distress at small changes, difficulties with transitions, rigid thinking patterns, greeting rituals, need to take same route or eat same food every day)?				
3. Highly restricted, fixated interests that are abnormal in intensity or focus (such as, strong attachment to or preoccupation with unusual objects, excessively circumscribed or perseverative interests)?				
4. Hyper- or hyporeactivity to sensory input or unusual interest in sensory aspects of the environment (such as, apparent indifference to pain/temperature, adverse response to specific sounds or textures, excessive smelling or touching of objects, visual fascination with lights or movement)?				
<b>CRITERION C:</b> Have the symptoms been present since early childhood? (NOTE: Symptoms may not become fully manifested until social demands exceed limited capacities, or may be masked by learned strategies in later life)?				
<b>CRITERION D:</b> Do the symptoms cause clinically significant impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of current functioning?				
<b>CONCLUSION:</b> If Y responses to Criteria A (1, 2, and 3), to at least TWO of Criterion B (1, 2, 3, 4), C, and D, then diagnostic criteria are met for AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.				
<b>Are the diagnostic criteria met for AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER?</b>				