

Could your child be autistic?

Consider the following distinguishing characteristics

- When you call your child, does he obey?
- Does the development of speech of your young child, seem very slow,
- Did he forget words, he was able to pronounce before,
- When you talk to your child does he/she look straight into your eyes,
- When you point out an object, does he/she follow your eyes,
- Do you have the impression that he/she does not hear properly,
- Does he/she need a long time to concentrate,
- Does he/she balance back and forth and plays with his/her fingers,
- Does he/she seem to live in his/her own world?

For an 18 months old child, the following is natural:

- He / she reacts to his / her name,
- Looks straight into your eyes, when you speak to him/her,
- Shows you objects and brings them,
- Follows your eye direction, when pointing with your finger,
- Imitates words, tries to pronounce them and makes himself / herself understood,
- Plays with their siblings,
- Plays with dolls and soft toys,
- Likes to laugh and is full of energy.

Autism is a deficiency reducing speech development and social behaviour. Autism exists in all societies, in every culture and ethnological background; it does not choose poor nor rich parents. Autism is not a mental illness or caused by a trauma,

It has its origin in a neurobiological and biochemical deficiency, which provokes a mental handicap. Autism can be recognised by early biochemical tests and can be dealt with specially and purposefully. Autism has still different unknown causes but new knowledge seems to point to neurobiological and metabolic deficiencies. If you want to know more, talk to your generalist and examine all possibilities with him.

An early correct diagnosis with biochemical tests is the first step towards improvement