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**Autism Spectrum Disorder and AAC ( Augmentative and Alternative Communication)**

II. What is autism?

1. Definition
2. ASD is a developmental disability that can cause significant social communication and behavioral challenges.

II. Signs and symptoms

1. Behavioral
2. inappropriate social interaction
3. poor eye contact
4. compulsive behavior
5. impulsivity
6. repetitive movements
7. self-harm
8. persistent repetition of words or actions.
9. Upset over minor changes in routine.
10. Developmental-
11. learning disability or speech delay in a child
12. Intense interest in a limited number of things
13. problem paying attention.
14. Psychological- unaware of others’ emotions or depression
15. Other- anxiety, change in voice, sensitivity to sound, or tic.

III. Diagnosis

1. No known test
2. Child’s developmental history
3. Childs behavior
4. Screenings
5. Developmental
6. Parental Questionnaire- formal questions based on research that ask questions about a child’s development, including language, movement, thinking, behavior, and emotions.
7. Completed at Well visits- 8 mos., 18, mos., 24, mos., 30 mos.
8. Comprehensive developmental evaluation
9. Indicates if a child is on the right developmental track.

IV. Treatment

1. No cure
2. Treatments/Interventions
3. Behavior and Communication Approaches
4. Dietary Approaches
5. Medication
6. Complementary and Alternative Medicine

VI. Wat is AAC?

1. Definition- tools, devices, or strategies to help a person communicate.
2. Augmentative communication
3. Alternative communication
4. Types
5. Unaided
6. Facial expressions
7. Body language
8. Gestures
9. Sign language
10. Aided
11. Symbol boards
12. Choice cards
13. Communication books
14. Keyboards and alphabet charts
15. Speech-generating devices or communication devices
16. AAC apps and mobile devices
17. Text-based AAC
18. Symbol-Based AAC
19. Benefits
20. Stronger friendships
21. Richer social interactions
22. Increased independence
23. More employment opportunities
24. Improved physical and mental health.
25. Respect from others
26. Improved personal safety.

VII. Advantages and Disadvantages of the usage by children

VIII. Statistics of success of autistic children that use AAC’s

IX. Speech Pathologist Role with clients/students that use AAC’s