

# Asperger's Disorder

## Criteria for Asperger's Disorder

- **At least two demonstrations of impaired social interaction:**
  - √ Markedly deficient regulation of social interaction through multiple nonverbal behaviors, such as eye contact, facial expression, body posture and gestures.
  - √ Lack of peer relationships that are appropriate to developmental level.
  - √ Absence of seeking to share achievements, interests or pleasure with others.
  - √ Absence of social or emotional reciprocity.
- **At least one demonstration of activities, behavior and interests that are repetitive, restricted and stereotyped:**
  - √ Abnormal (in focus or intensity) preoccupation with interests that are restricted and stereotyped (such as spinning things).
  - √ Rigid performance of routines or rituals that don't appear to have a function.
  - √ Repetitive, stereotyped motor mannerisms (such as hand flapping).
  - √ Persistent absorption with parts of objects.
- **The symptoms cause clinically important impairment in social, occupational or personal functioning.**
- **There is no clinically important general language delay (the child can speak words by age two, phrases by age three).**
- **There is no clinically important delay in developing cognition, age-appropriate self-help skills, adaptive behavior (except social interaction) and normal curiosity about the environment.**
- **The patient doesn't fulfill criteria for schizophrenia or for another specific pervasive developmental disorder.**