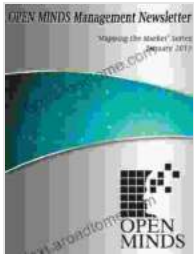


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A new study has found that symptom severity remains stable for three quarters of young children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

The study, published in the journal *Pediatrics*, followed 1,083 children with ASD for an average of six years. The researchers found that symptom severity remained stable for 75% of the children, while 15% improved and 10% worsened.

The researchers also found that children who had more severe symptoms at the beginning of the study were more likely to have stable or worsening

symptoms over time. However, even children with severe symptoms at the beginning of the study had a good chance of improving over time.

The study's findings suggest that early intervention is important for children with ASD. Early intervention can help to improve symptoms and prevent them from worsening over time.

What is Autism Spectrum Disorder?

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a developmental disorder that affects a child's ability to communicate and interact with others. Children with ASD may also have difficulty with repetitive behaviors and sensory processing.

ASD is a spectrum disorder, which means that it can range from mild to severe. Children with mild ASD may have difficulty with social skills and communication, but they may be able to live independently. Children with severe ASD may have difficulty with all aspects of daily living and may require constant care.

What are the Symptoms of ASD?

The symptoms of ASD can vary from child to child. Some common symptoms include:

- Difficulty with social skills
- Difficulty with communication
- Repetitive behaviors
- Sensory processing difficulties

What Causes ASD?

The cause of ASD is unknown. However, it is thought to be caused by a combination of genetic and environmental factors.

How is ASD Diagnosed?

ASD is diagnosed by a doctor or psychologist. There is no one test for ASD. The doctor or psychologist will evaluate the child's behavior and development to make a diagnosis.

How is ASD Treated?

There is no cure for ASD. However, there are treatments that can help to improve symptoms and prevent them from worsening over time. Early intervention is important for children with ASD. Early intervention can help to improve symptoms and prevent them from worsening over time.

Treatments for ASD may include:

- Speech therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Behavioral therapy
- Medication

What is the Prognosis for Children with ASD?

The prognosis for children with ASD varies. Some children with ASD will have significant difficulties throughout their lives, while others will be able to

live independently. Early intervention can help to improve the prognosis for children with ASD.

Where Can I Get Help for My Child with ASD?

If you think your child may have ASD, talk to your doctor or psychologist. There are also many resources available online and in your community that can provide support and information.

Here are some helpful resources:

- Autism Speaks
- National Autism Association
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



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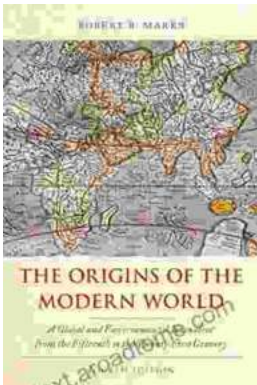
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