

KNOWLEDGE

9 EARLY SIGNS OF AUTISM

Talk with your pediatrician about concerns

WHEN?

Autism Spectrum Disorder typically appears during the early years of a child's life, however some signs may not be recognized immediately. Early assessment and intervention, such as ABA therapy, are often crucial to a child's long-term success. Talk with your pediatrician about concerns you may have.

EARLY SIGNS

Here are a few early warning signs* that you may want to talk with your pediatrician about. Keep in mind that these may not be the only signs to be aware of. Just because you may recognize some of these signs does not mean your child has a diagnosis of Autism. Testing is required by a healthcare professional in order for a formal diagnosis to be given.

1. No social smiling by 6 months
2. No one-word communication by 16 months
3. No two-word phrases by 24 months
4. No babbling, pointing, or meaningful gestures by 12 months
5. Poor eye contact
6. Not showing items or sharing interests
7. Unusual attachment to one particular toy or object
8. Not responding to sounds, voices, or name
9. Loss of skills at any time

*Resource: National Autism Center™

