



299.00 Autistic Disorder

(A)

Total of six (or more) items from (1), (2), and (3), with at least two from (1), and one each from (2) and (3):

1. Qualitative impairment in social interaction, as manifested by at least two of the following:

- (a) Marked impairment in the use of multiple nonverbal behaviors such as eye-to-eye gaze, facial expression, body postures, and gestures to regulate social interaction
- (b) Failure to develop peer relationships appropriate to developmental level
- (c) A lack of spontaneous seeking to share enjoyment, interests, or achievements with other people (e.g., by a lack of showing, bringing, or pointing out objects of interest)
- (d) Lack of social or emotional reciprocity

2. Qualitative impairments in communication as manifested by at least one of the following:

- (a) Delay in, or total lack of, the development of spoken language (not accompanied by an attempt to compensate through alternative modes of communication such as gestures or mime)
- (b) In individuals with adequate speech, marked impairment in the ability to initiate or sustain a conversation with others
- (c) Stereotyped and repetitive use of language or idiosyncratic language
- (d) Lack of varied, spontaneous make-believe play or social imitative play appropriate to developmental level



3. Restricted repetitive and stereotyped patterns of behavior, interests, and activities, as manifested by at least one of the following:

- (a) Encompassing preoccupation with one or more stereotyped patterns of interest that is abnormal either in intensity or focus
- (b) Apparently inflexible adherence to specific, nonfunctional routines or rituals
- (c) Stereotyped and repetitive motor mannerisms (e.g., hand or finger flapping or twisting, or complex whole-body movements)
- (d) Persistent preoccupation with parts of objects

(B)

Delays or abnormal functioning in at least one of the following areas, with onset prior to age 3 years:

- 1. social interaction
- 2. language as used in social communication, or
- 3. symbolic or imaginative play

(C)

The disturbance is not better accounted for by Rett's Disorder or Childhood Disintegrative Disorder.