CO-OCCURRING CONDITIONS OR CO-MORBIDITIES

Some children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) have additional developmental, psychiatric, or medical diagnoses or conditions. These are sometime described as co-morbidities or co-morbid disorders. In other words, co-morbidities are additional conditions that impact somebody at the same time as a diagnosis such as ASD.

*Why co-morbidities matter:*

1. When problem behaviors are found to be a result of co-morbidity, professionals might be able to provide specific treatments for those symptoms.
2. Some of the symptoms of co-morbid disorders can worsen symptoms of ASD.
3. It may be easier to target some of the symptoms associated with ASD when other co-morbid disorders are also treated.

The Related Articles listed below offer more information about some of the more common co-occurring conditions that tend to be common in individuals with ASD.

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