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### Autism Spectrum Disorders: What's New, and What to Do

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This issue of *Pediatric Annals* provides a thorough review of the current knowledge on autism spectrum disorders. After reviewing this issue, the reader will not only be better prepared to detect and refer children with a suspected diagnosis but also better serve as a resource to the community.



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