

Autism is not a rare condition as previously believed. A recent study conducted at 14 sites around USA confirmed that incidence of autism and autism spectrum of disorder (ASD) is much higher than previously thought. To read more about this issue please visit [www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/ss5601a1.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/ss5601a1.htm) . In addition CDC will launch a second study this year to look at the causes of autism. General Pediatricians should work on improving their skills in early detection of autism cases and their referral for early intervention programs. We will keep update with any future news about the topic.

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