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AUTISM OR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER IS A COMPLEX NUERO DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDER. IT IS CHARACTERIZED BY VARYING DEGREES OF IMPAIRMENTS IN COMMUNICATION SKILLS, SOCIAL ABILITIES AND REPETITIVE BEHAVIOURS.

SYMPTOMS MAY RANGE FROM MILD TO SEVERE. NO ONE KNOWS FOR SURE YET THE CAUSE, BUT THERE IS A GENETIC PREDISPOSITION & A STRONG ENVIRONMENTAL TRIGGERING FACTOR.

WITH EARLY RECOGNITION, DIAGONOSIS AND NEED BASED SPECIFIC INTERVENTION INCLUDING MAINSTREAM EDUCATION, MANY KIDS SHOW CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENTS.

IQ- INTELLIGENCE QUOTIENT: IT IS A TEST OF PERSON'S INTELLIGENCE. IT HAS VERBAL & PERFORMANCE COMPONENTS TO IT.

IQ LEVEL CHART :

130 AND ABOVE : VERY SUPERIOR
120 TO 129 : SUPERIOR
110 TO 119 : ABOVE AVERAGE
90 TO 109 : AVERAGE
80 TO 89 : BELOW AVERAGE
70 TO 79 : BODERLINE MENTAL RETARDATION
69 AND LOW : MENTAL RETARDATION.

ABOUT 30 TO 40 % OF KIDS WITH AUTISM HAVE AVERAGE IQ (REF:1)
ABOUT 20% OF THEM ARE SAVANTS (REF:2)

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