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Research

[The link between vitamins, supplements and autism, explained](#) This article discusses the scientific research thus far into the relationship between prenatal nutrient uptake and autism.

[Carers of people with autism and an eating disorder need specialised support](#) Carers of people with co-occurring autism spectrum condition (ASC) and eating disorders experience additional needs and difficulties compared to those caring for people with eating disorders only, new research shows.

News

["With us and for us": a proposed model for learning disability quality improvement panel](#) A recent social care conference addressed the issue of the UK's healthcare system and its treatment of learning disabled people during the pandemic and beyond. Speakers from that conference have developed a new suggested model for a "Quality Monitoring Improvement Panel", which favours those with a learning disability themselves rather than professionals.

[Virtual autism assessments are likely here to stay](#) This article discusses how the coronavirus pandemic forced researchers and clinicians to find new ways to assess children for autism — many of which will almost certainly endure.

Studies

[Circuit flaw underlies motor learning issues in autism mouse model](#) Mice missing a copy of chromosomal region 16p11.2 are slow to learn motor tasks and have dysfunction in a brain circuit associated with stress and movement, according to a new study.

[Poor sleep could be core feature of autism, related conditions](#) This article describes an animal study showing fruit flies with low expression of a gene linked to neurodevelopment have disrupted sleep, poor memory and altered social behaviour.

[Neuron 'skeleton' may explain impact of autism-linked gene mutation](#) Mutations in CUL3, a gene strongly linked to autism, may cause differences in brain structure by disrupting cytoskeleton proteins, according to a new study.

Blog

[How can we be safe online and protect ourselves?](#) This easy read resource explains the dangers of internet scamming and how to protect yourself online.

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[New guide on how to prevent abuse of children with disabilities](#) Children with disabilities are three times more likely to become victims of abuse and neglect than their non-disabled peers, according to a new report by the American Academy of Pediatrics. The updated clinical report [Maltreatment of Children With Disabilities](#) is published in Pediatrics and includes new research on the incidence of abuse and how some disabling conditions place children at higher risk of maltreatment.