

Neurodevelopmental Disorders

NEURO-DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS

Neurodevelopmental disorders are behavioural and cognitive disorders that occur during early development. Cognition relates to our ability for thinking, reasoning and remembering.

These disorders involve difficulties with intellectual, motor, language, or social functions.

Neurodevelopmental disorders can include:

Disorders of Intellectual Development.
Autism Spectrum Disorder.
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

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Disorders of Intellectual Development

Disorders of intellectual development are characterised by limitations in social, and practical skills that are performed in daily life.

ADHD

ADHD is characterised by a persistent pattern of inattention and/or hyperactivity-impulsivity causing an impact on academic, occupational, or social functioning.

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD)

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is characterised by problems with social communication and interaction, and restricted or repetitive behaviours or interests.

People with ASD may also have different ways of learning, moving, or paying attention.

Effective treatment options exist, including psychosocial interventions, behavioural interventions, and occupational and speech therapy.

For certain diagnoses and age groups, medication may also be considered.

