Autism spectrum disorder:

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Objectives for presentation

Categorize behaviors in children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) which differ from typical neurological development.

Develop interventions to providing safe and effective medical care for a child with ASD in the health care setting.

Consider non medication treatment options for ASD to ease an office visit.
Inappropriate play with toys.
Inability to relate to others
Hyperactive or passive
Inappropriate laughing or crying
Over sensitivity
Strange attachments to objects
Poor speech or lack of speech
Difficulty dealing with change
Lack of awareness of danger
Behaviors serve a purpose

To escape and avoid
- Examples:
  - Throwing food to get to leave the dinner table
  - Falls on the ground when it is time to come in
  - Hits other people to get someone else to leave

To obtain
- Examples:
  - Scream to get favorite food,
  - Hits sibling to get attention from parent
  - Starts to scream when unable to open something
  - Flaps hands for positive sensory input
High Functioning/Asperger’s Syndrome

They have a bright memory and a strong ability to learn, but their unusual reactions to situations sets them apart from other people.

Extreme ability in some areas

High and Low Intelligence Quotient

Able to learn and solve problems, but with varying degrees ability education can be difficult.

Average I.Q. to learning disability

Severe/Classic Autism

Problems with communicating and will show repetitive behaviour. Learning in a traditional school can be difficult for them.

Severe learning difficulties
- Seizures
- Gastro – intestinal problems
- Pain/touch sensitivity
Hand flapping
Thinking in pictures

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hFbyujLT8HQ
Practical tips

- Schedule the first visit of the day
- Look at the environment
- Quick tips profile card
- Picture schedule
- Supports during exams: Sing, blow bubbles, distraction toys,
- Allow hand flapping, spinning, rocking
- Allow time for adaptation
- Communication tips
Not as friendly

More autism friendly
How could you modify this environment to be more autistic friendly?
The puzzle board on the wall is a great way to provide a sensory break or a reward.
Communication tips

Avoid idioms:

First we will do this
Then we will do that

Use first and then
- Be creative
- Jump up and down
- Stretch
- Touch toes
- Spin
- Rock
Autism Video Model- Going to the Dentist (Look at Me Now!®)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s_n1aZy1NV8
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UE_rEIU3BS0  Autism behaviors at a visit

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EAGe9cgl5e0  Severe autism meltdown
From an ear infection and sore throat
Ways to protect your self form problem behaviors

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RdHxMQJ1zCY
Autism help- Pinching, Biting and Hitting - The Son-Rise Program

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GD8reBVc4A
Autism Help- Tantrums - The Son-Rise Program

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WVFEo0ttSLM
Autism Help with Flexibility - The Son-Rise Program


