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Asperger's Checklist

A child with AS might have some or all of the symptoms listed below. Symptoms are often less severe than in a child with autism.

IMPAIRED COMMUNICATION -- VERBAL AND NONVERBAL

- Speech development may be normal or somewhat delayed, but difficulties arise in the functional and social use of language for communication
- Impaired use of nonverbal behaviors, including eye contact, body language, and social expressions

RESTRICTED REPERTOIRE OF ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS

- Narrow interests that are abnormal in intensity and focus (a single TV show, say, or an unusual object, like a vacuum cleaner)
- Rigid adherence to nonfunctional routines and rituals (following a strict protocol when leaving the house to go to school)
- Repetitive motor mannerisms (pacing)

POOR SOCIAL INTERACTION

- Failure to develop age-appropriate peer relationships (inability to understand the social give-and-take of friendships)
- Failure to seek out others to share enjoyment, interest, and achievements (not sharing a good grade on a test or a just-finished painting with a family member)
- Lack of social and emotional reciprocity (not enjoying being with others just for the sake of being together)

Please note: This symptom checklist does not replace a visit with a qualified medical professional. If you have any questions about this checklist or your answers, please call NPS at 815-477-4727.