


ASD Module Script

Introduction

Introduction: Hello and thank you for joining us today. My name is Amy Matz and I am a current fellow with the LEND program at the University of Pittsburgh and Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. Today, my colleague, Jessica Scott, and I will be presenting to you information about Autism Spectrum Disorders, which will also be referred to as ASDs throughout this talk.

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Module Content: This training is comprised of five different modules covering the following topics: Autism Spectrum Disorder characteristics, early detection, prevalence, etiology, and ASD across the lifespan. Each of these topics has a related pre and post assessment. A version of the power point you will be viewing during the module is available for download, as well as a transcript of our talk. We invite you to complete the modules and their accompanying pre and post assessments at your own pace. These areas will translate into several learning objectives for our listeners.

Module Hyperlink Examples: Throughout our talk today you will see that some slides have a green video camera icon.  This icon is a hyperlink that connects to a video on the Internet. If you download the version of power point we have made available, you may click on this hyperlink in order to view a video example of the content being discussed. These videos may only be accessed through the downloaded power point version.

Module Learning Objectives: The objectives of these modules are for you, the viewer, to be able to do the following: identify the most pervasive characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorders, understand specific information on developmental red flags, explain the increased prevalence and variable statistics regarding ASD, know contemporary evidence regarding the etiology of ASDs, and to recognize the impact of ASD across the lifespan and factors contributing to improved outcomes.

You are now ready to proceed to the first video module, ASD Characteristics.
