## **Autism**



Our Autism Program is dedicated to improving the lives of children and adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and their families by providing comprehensive evaluations, treatment, community education and research.

As the largest regional provider of services for children with ASD, we are focused on early identification and treatment so kids can reach their full potential.



And, since our highly qualified staff is committed to family-centered care, professionals and families work together as partners in making sure that children get the services they need.

Additionally, we are at the forefront of research for treatment and diagnosis of autism. The hospital is conducting various clinical studies related to improving diagnosis and treatment for children, adolescents and families affected by ASD.

## **Possible Behavioral Characteristics of ASD**

- Delay or lack of verbal and non-verbal communication
- Failure to develop peer relationships appropriate to developmental level
- Impairment in the ability to initiate or sustain conversation
- Impairment of multiple non-verbal behaviors such as eye to eye gaze, facial expression, body posture, and gestures to regulate social interaction
- Lack of "play" or make believe play
- Lack of social and/or emotional reciprocity
- Obsessive attachment to objects, persistent preoccupation with parts of objects
- Preference to be alone, difficulty interacting/socializing with others
- Spinning, rocking, hand flapping or twisting and/or other self-stimulating behavior

Learn more, access resources, and request an appointment:



