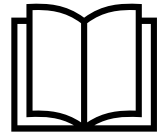


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### Vocabulary

**ADOS:** Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule

<https://www.wpspublish.com/ados-2-autism-diagnostic-observation-schedule-second-edition>

**M-CHAT:** The Modified Checklist for Autism in Toddlers

<https://mchatscreen.com/>

**POSI:** Parent's Observations of Social Interest

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## Resources from Webinar

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Girls on the Autism Spectrum - NEW | Autism Internet Modules

<https://autisminternetmodules.org/m/523/3564>

Autism First Signs and Checklist in Girls | Autism SA

<https://autismsa.org.au/autism-diagnosis/autism-symptoms/signs-of-autism-in-girls/>

Not Just for Boys: When Autism Spectrum Disorders Affect Girls | Kennedy Krieger Institute

[https://www.kennedykrieger.org/stories/interactive-autism-network-ian/autism\\_in\\_girls](https://www.kennedykrieger.org/stories/interactive-autism-network-ian/autism_in_girls)

The lost girls | Spectrum | Autism Research News (spectrumnews.org)

<https://www.spectrumnews.org/features/deep-dive/the-lost-girls/>

Understanding autism in Girls - Children's National (childrensnational.org)

<https://riseandshine.childrensnational.org/understanding-autism-in-girls/>

Studies of autism tend to exclude women, researchers find | MIT News | Massachusetts Institute of Technology

<https://news.mit.edu/2022/studies-autism-women-bias-0908>

Home (vkclearning.org)- create free account and check out EI provider courses (Neurodiversity)

<https://triad.vkclearning.org/en-us/>

DSM-5 Criteria for Autism Spectrum Disorder:

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/hcp-dsm.html>

What is ASD?

[https://firstwordsproject.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/What\\_is\\_ASD\\_02.pdf](https://firstwordsproject.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/What_is_ASD_02.pdf)

Parts of the SWYC - POSI at Tufts Medical Center

<https://pediatrics.tuftsmedicalcenter.org/The-Survey-of-Wellbeing-of-Young-Children/Parts-of-the-SWYC/POSI>

Autism and Bilingualism - for Families

<https://autism-bilingualism.github.io/resources/>

## Additional Resources

Delayed and Missed Diagnoses of Autistic Women - Autism Research Institute

<https://www.autism.org/gender-differences-in-diagnoses/>

Gender Dysphoria and ASD - Autism Research Institute

<https://www.autism.org/webinars/gender-dysphoria-asd/>

September 30, 2022: Autism in Girls: Autism for Rural Healthcare Providers (instructure.com)

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Behavioral and Brain Signatures of Autism in Females - ARI

<https://www.autism.org/gender-brain-differences-autism/>

