

Autism in adults: Mostly undiagnosed or misdiagnosed
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INTRO:

WHILE AUTISM AWARENESS HAS IMPROVED – PEOPLE’S ABILITY TO RECOGNIZE WHAT AUTISM LOOKS LIKE IN EVERYDAY LIFE IS LAGGING.

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THAT’S ACCORDING TO DR. THERESA REGAN (**REE-GAN**) – THE LEAD NEUROPSYCHOLOGIST AT OSF SAINT FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER IN PEORIA.

TO BE DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM – THE CHARACTERISTICS NEED TO BE PRESENT IN CHILDHOOD. BUT THAT DOESN’T STOP ADULTS – FROM THEIR LATE TEENS – TO EVEN THEIR LATE 80S – FROM BEING DIAGNOSED.

TAKE SOT | DR. THERESA REGAN | LEAD NEUROPSYCHOLOGIST | OSF SAINT FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER

“The great majority of adults who are autistic are either undiagnosed or misdiagnosed with other mental health conditions. So, we want to rectify that and have the right diagnosis for every person every time.”

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THERE ARE THREE SOCIAL CRITERIA THAT HAVE TO BE MET FOR AN AUTISM DIAGNOSIS. DIFFICULTY APPROACHING AND HAVING A BACK-AND-FORTH CONVERSATION WITH SOCIAL EMOTIONAL CONTENT. CHALLENGES COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY WITH A WIDE RANGE OF NONVERBAL ELEMENTS. AND DIFFICULTY MAKING... MAINTAINING AND NAVIGATING SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS.