

Possible Triggers of Autism

<http://www.autism.com/triggers/index.htm>

Autism is a complex disorder with many contributing factors. While there are many theories as to the cause of the increase, ARI believes environmental factors—including unprecedented exposure to [toxic substances](#) and [over-vaccination](#) of infants and young children—are the key factors triggering this devastating epidemic. [Emerging research](#) supports this fact, making it clear that autism is a whole-body illness triggering a biological brain disorder and ARI continues investigating various possible causal factors.

While we don't have all the answers yet, you can decrease the risk to younger siblings and [future pregnancies](#) by protecting your family from known dangers like environmental toxins.

Theories

- Editorial: [The Autism Explosion](#)
- Editorial: [Autism, Vaccines, and an Answer to Bioterrorism](#)
- Editorial: [Genetics, Autism and Priorities](#)
- Editorial: [Candida-Caused Autism?](#)
- [The Candida Yeast-Autism Connection](#)
- [January 2003 - California Autism Epidemic Increasing](#)

Environmental Causes

- [Environmental Working Group](#)
- [Toxic Free Legacy](#)
- [Autism Advocate's Environmental Health and Autism Pages on ASA Website](#)

Defeat Autism Now! webcasts on Environmental Triggers

- Understanding Environmental Toxicity: Getting Your Own House in Order
Stuart Freedenfeld, MD (Long Beach 2005) [Video Hi](#) [Video Lo](#)
- Fostering a Healthy Environment for Your Child
Nancy O'Hara, MD (Long Beach 2005) [Video Hi](#) [Video Lo](#)
- Environmental Toxins
Jayne Barese, RN (Seattle 2006) [Video Hi](#) [Video Lo](#)
- Toxic Load in Autism What is Injuring Our Children?
John Green, MD (Seattle 2006) [Video Hi](#) [Video Lo](#)
- Environmental Toxins and the Increased Incidence in Autism
Michael Wagnitz (Milwaukee 2006) [Video Hi](#) [Video Lo](#)
- Autism is Treatable: Scientific Plausibility
Martha Herbert, MD, PhD (Milwaukee 2006) [Video Hi](#) [Video Lo](#)

Vaccinations

- Editorial: [The Autism Increase: Research Needed on the Vaccine Connection](#)
- [Vaccinations Contributing to Rise in Autism?](#)

- Editorial: [“Garbage Science,” Brick Walls, Crossword Puzzles, and Mercury](#)
- Editorial: [The MMR/Autism Controversy: Should We Believe the IOM?](#)
- [Autism: a Novel Form of Mercury Poisoning \(full version\)](#)
- [Mercury Detoxification](#)
- [The Vaccine-Autism Connection – Part I \(Thimerosal\)](#)
- [The Vaccine-Autism Connection – Part II \(MMR\)](#)
- Editorial: [Vaccinations: The Overlooked Factors](#)
- [Vaccinations and Heavy Metals](#)
- Editorial: [The Autism-Vaccine Disaster](#)
 - Vaccines and Autism, Is There a Connection? A Thoughtful Debate
David Kirby and Arthur Allen (January 13, 2007) [Video Lo](#) [Video Hi](#)
 - Keynote Address
David Kirby (Long Beach 2005) [Video Hi](#) [Video Lo](#)
 - Update on Vaccine Safety for Concerned Parents and Professionals
Stephanie F. Cave, MS, MD (DC 2006) [Video Hi](#) [Video Lo](#)
 - Vaccine Induced Autism: It's Not Just About Mercury
Barbara Loe Fisher (DC 2006) [Video Hi](#) [Video Lo](#)