

Frequently Asked Questions

Are Autism Spectrum Disorders associated with other disorders?

Autism Spectrum Disorders can be associated with other “disorders” and this is often referred to as “Co-Morbid”

- Fragile X
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
- Non verbal learning disorder
- Tourette’s Syndrome
- Attention Deficit Disorders
- Central Auditory Processing Disorder
- Sensory Processing Disorder
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Epilepsy
- Dyslexia, Dysgraphia
- And many more.....

Does everyone with an ASD have an Intellectual Disability?

No. It is not a diagnostic requirement to have an Intellectual Disability to get a diagnosis of an ASD. Those with Asperger’s will not have an Intellectual Disability. The typical profile of the cognitive ability of someone with an ASD is scattered and often shows “peaks” and “troughs”.

What does Co-Morbid mean?

This refers to a “condition” that exists at the same time as the original diagnosis. Sometimes the Co-morbid condition impacts more significantly on the individual than the main diagnosis.

Where can I find more information about co-morbid conditions?

Australia has peak bodies for many of the mentioned conditions. This is a great place to start. Additionally, this website has a “library” section that listed information about co-morbid conditions.