

## FAQs

### **What causes autism?**

There is no known cause. Research is being conducted to determine the cause, however CADS is not involved in this research. For more information, please visit [autismspeaks.org](http://autismspeaks.org).

### **Why is autism on the rise?**

There are many theories, CADS is not involved in research to answer these types of questions. A good source of information is [autismspeaks.org](http://autismspeaks.org).

### **Is there a cure for autism?**

Autism is a lifelong condition, although presentation may change throughout the lifespan as the individual grows and learns new skills. Research is being conducted to determine effective therapies; however, CADS is not involved in this research. We recommend you visit [autismspeaks.org](http://autismspeaks.org) for more information.

### **What are the best autism therapies?**

CADS is not involved with the treatment of autism, nor do we endorse any specific therapies. We take a neutral stance when it comes to therapies and encourage families to do what works best for their child.

### **Do vaccinations cause autism?**

Research indicates that autism is not caused by vaccinations.

### **Why is autism more common in boys?**

Recent research indicates that autism may be under-diagnosed in girls. Other research indicates that there may be a genetic component to autism that might make it more likely to occur in boys. CADS is not involved in this research, we recommend you check out a source such as [autismspeaks.org](http://autismspeaks.org) for more information.

### **Does diet affect autism? (Gluten free/dairy free)**

CADS does not provide families with nutritional recommendations. We encourage families to seek out whatever solutions work best for their children.

