

# AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS: FROM EVALUATION TO TREATMENT USING THE AUTISM SPECTRUM RATING SCALES (ASRS)

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**Friday, March 27, 2015 ♦ 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida**

This presentation begins with a brief overview and definitions of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and presentation of a large epidemiological study of the disorder. This study, based on the Autism Spectrum Rating Scale (Goldstein & Naglieri, 2009) standardization and validity samples, provides important insights into the nature of ASD. These data as well as data from other research sources demonstrate a changing pattern of core symptoms in autism. The presentation will include examination of the structure of the ASRS (both full and short forms), reliability and validity studies, interpretation, treatment planning / effectiveness, and online administration methods. The new DSM5 scale and the new version of the ASRS for evaluating students with limited language skills will be discussed. Current information will be provided concerning the most widely used and well developed instruments to help diagnose autism. A model for the integration of ASRS and cognitive assessment data for differential diagnosis of ASD and ADHD, as well as an explicit discussion of how to use results from the ASRS for treatment planning and monitoring effectiveness of interventions will be described.

## ABOUT THE PRESENTER

**Jack A. Naglieri, Ph.D.** is a research professor at the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia, senior research scientist at the Devereux Center for Resilient Children, and emeritus professor of psychology at George Mason University. He is a Fellow of APA Divisions 15 and 16 and the recipient of the 2011 Italian American Psychology Assembly Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology, and recipient of APA Division 16 Senior Scientist Award (2001). He holds a Diplomate in Assessment Psychology, earned a license as a School Psychologist in Virginia and Ohio, and School Psychology certifications in New York, Georgia, Arizona, and Ohio. Since the late 1970s, Dr. Naglieri has focused his efforts on theoretical and psychometric issues concerning intelligence, cognitive interventions, diagnosis of learning and emotional disorders, and theoretical and measurement issues pertaining to executive function and resilience. Dr. Naglieri is the author or co-author of more than 300 scholarly papers, book chapters, books, and tests related to exceptionalities such as mental retardation, specific learning disabilities, giftedness, Autism and Attention Deficit Disorder. He has authored several books, including *Essentials of CAS Assessment, Assessment of Cognitive Processes: The PASS Theory of Intelligence, Helping Children Learn: Intervention Handouts for Use at School and Home-second Edition, Essentials of WNV Assessment, and Helping All Gifted Children Learn: A Teacher's Guide to Using the NNAT2*. Dr. Naglieri has also co-edited several books such as *Handbook of Assessment Psychology, Assessment of Autism Spectrum Disorders, Assessing Impairment: From Theory to Practice, and A Practitioner's Guide to Assessment of Intelligence and Achievement, Interventions for Autism Spectrum Disorders, and the Handbook of Executive Function*. Dr. Naglieri developed more than 30 tests and rating scales including the Cognitive Assessment System first and second editions (1997, 2014), the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (2008), and the Wechsler Nonverbal Scale of Ability (2006). Most recently he published the Cognitive Assessment System-Second Edition (2014), Comprehensive Inventory of Executive Function (2012), the Autism Spectrum Rating Scales (2010), the Devereux Elementary Student Strength Assessment (2008), and the Devereux Early Childhood Assessment for Preschoolers Second Edition (2012). His most recent publications include the Cognitive Assessment System-Second Edition (CAS2; Naglieri, Das & Goldstein, 2014), CAS2-Brief (Naglieri, Das & Goldstein, 2014) and CAS2 Rating scales (Naglieri, Das & Goldstein, 2014).

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Participants will be able to:

- Explain the current theory and research of Autism Spectrum Disorders.
- Describe the new DSM 5 scale for the ASRS, and the new version of the rating scale for evaluating children with limited or no language.
- Design a model for effective differential diagnosis and assessment of comorbid conditions in ASD.
- Discuss how to seamlessly transition from assessment to treatment planning.
- Describe how to select specific treatments, assess treatment progress, and evaluate treatment effectiveness.

## PROGRAM LOCATION

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## PROGRAM AGENDA

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration and refreshments
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder (ADS)
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Building the ASRS
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Psychometric properties and standardization
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	The Autism Spectrum Rating Scale (ASRS) and the ASRS Short Form
11:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.	ASRS interpretation
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Conclusions

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