April 2025 is AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

What is Autism?

<u>Autism spectrum disorder is a group of</u> developmental disabilities that affects how people experience the world. ASD can involve learning, thinking, social skills, and problem-solving challenges that range from mild to severe.

How can PT's be Inclusive:



Where Can Treatment Occur?

We can treat patients with Autism in many different settings. Some include: Home, outpatient clinics, and schools. Every child on the spectrum is unique and may need different settings to get the most of the sessions.

What Does a Session Look Like?

Physical therapists use <u>child-friendly, specially</u> <u>chosen toys and activities to motivate and</u> <u>encourage participation in therapy</u>. Creating an engaging and enjoyable environment is essential for fostering positive experiences while reinforcing safe and effective movement patterns.





Areas of Interventions

Your treatment session can include:

- <u>Gross Motor Skills</u>
- <u>Balance/Coordination Skills</u>
- <u>Strengthening</u>
- Functional Mobility/ Motor Planning

The Goal

The goal of treating any patient is to develop a personalized treatment plan that addresses their specific impairments and supports their functional goals. This approach applies equally to patients with autism, with a focus on enhancing their daily life and overall well-being.



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