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The Child Neurology Society (CNS) affirms that autism has multi-factorial causes and that treatments for autism are currently multi-modal and not definitive.

Autism is a complex condition that looks different from person to person, with multiple contributing genetic factors identified. People with autism are valued members of our families and communities. The best care available today involves personalized plans that may include medical, developmental, behavioral, educational, and social supports to help children and families thrive.

Some studies have reported an association between prenatal exposure to acetaminophen (commonly sold under the brand name Tylenol) and an increased likelihood of autism in children. However, a recent large population-based study that controlled for familial factors found no increased risk of autism with prenatal acetaminophen exposure. To date, no studies have proven a causal link between acetaminophen use and autism.

There is no single explanation known to cause all cases of autism, and no definitive treatment that will cure all cases of autism at this time.

The CNS recommends that medical decisions involving risk factors or treatment strategies for autism should be discussed carefully with health care providers who are experienced in these matters.

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