

Have Your Say

Autism Research Priorities

Australian
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What is important in autism research

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What is important in autism research



The Australian Autism Research Council find out what is important in autism research.

They are called the AARC for short.



The AARC is a group of autism experts including

- Autistic people
 - Parents and carers
 - Service providers
 - Doctors
 - Teachers
 - Government
 - Policy makers
 - Researchers
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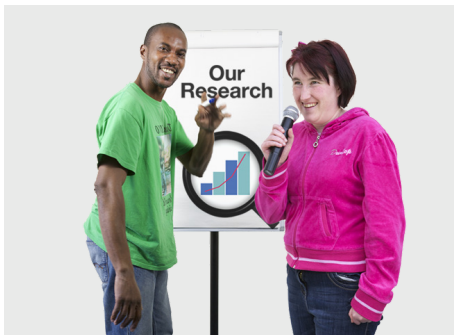


The AARC started meeting in 2018.

They talked about what the most important issues for autistic people are.

They also looked at research done in Australia and other countries.

Priorities for Autism Research in 2019



The AARC came up with 7 research priorities.

Priorities are the most important issues.

The AARC want to make sure the research priorities

- Help **all** autistic people
- Help autistic people to live a good life and reach their goals.
- Focus on issues most important to autistic people and their families.



We at the AARC wrote about the research priorities in this consultation paper.

These are the 7 priorities we came up with.

Priorities for Autism Research in 2019



1. Saying what you want and access to information

We need to know the best way for autistic people to have their say.

All autistic people should be able to say what they want.

Autistic people should have access to information they understand.

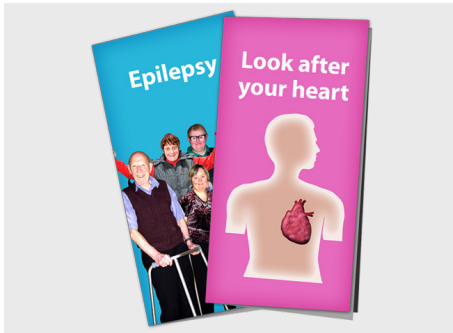


2. Access to buildings, parks and transport

Buildings, parks and transport need to be accessible for autistic people.

We need to know what needs to change so autistic people can feel comfortable at home, work or in school.

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3. Healthy and happy lives

Autistic people have different health needs.

We need to know how to help autistic people live healthy and happy lives.



4. Justice and being treated equally by the law

The legal system should support autistic people.

The **legal system** includes the courts and police.

We need to know how to make sure autistic people get help if they have been hurt or treated badly.

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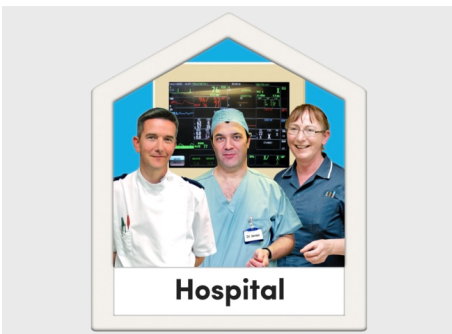


5. Work

We need to find out how

- Workplaces can be more inclusive
- Autistic people can find jobs they like doing

Autistic people should get the same pay as everyone else.



6. Equal access to health services

Health services need to be accessible to autistic people everywhere in Australia.



7. Education

Education should be inclusive to all students on the autism spectrum.

We need to know

- More about how autistic people learn
- What needs to change to help everyone learn better together

Information about the consultation



A consultation is when you can have your say.

We want to know what you think about the 7 research priorities.

This will help the AARC find solutions which give autistic people and their families a better life.



Who will be involved

We want to hear from

- Autistic Australians
- Families and carers of autistic people

Information about the consultation



We also want to hear from people such as

- Doctors
 - Teachers
 - Service providers
 - Police
 - Architects
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What we will ask you

We will ask you what research priorities are important to you.

We will also ask questions about your

- Age
- Gender
- Where you live

How to have your say in the consultation



You can have your say in a survey or submission.

You can also do **both**.



Survey

We will do a survey to find out what people think about the 7 research priorities.

You can do the survey online or print it out.



Submissions

You can write a submission to tell us what you think.

You can also make a video.

You need to submit this online.

To fill out the survey or make a submission visit
www.autismcrc.com.au/aarc