Comprehensive guide to autism

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The word Autism referring to the range of disorders on the autism spectrum or to the various pervasive developmental disorders in contemporary professional literatures.¹ Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is the name for a group of developmental disorders. ASD includes a wide range, “a spectrum,” of symptoms, skills, and levels of disability. People with ASD often have these characteristics: Ongoing social problems that include difficulty communicating and interacting with others. It is a lifelong, developmental disability that affects how a person communicates with and relates to other people, and how they experience the world around them.² Public opinion about Autism is in disagreement on disability vs. disorder but country like India Autism is considered as disability under the National Trust Act.³

From understanding the causative factors to early identification, making diagnosis, treatment and finally inclusion or mainstreaming, it is complex and multifaceted. A number of books is required if we want to know about all these but this book is a good compilation which was much required.

"Comprehensive Guide to Autism” is truly comprehensive offers a “one-stop shop” (as authors named) of content related to autism. It is a set of five edited volumes (not available separately) divided in twenty sections which includes 178 chapters including an introductory chapter in each section. I think it’s a unique collection, I have never seen such volume at lest for Autism. Nothing goes left as it covers each and every thing related to the field. It is the excellent source of an accessible, evidence-based, and clinically thorough account of the ASD field and contemporary issues from the worldwide professional.


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