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Co-occurring conditions in autistic teens increase with age

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The health conditions that tend to accompany autism in adolescence grow even more prevalent by early adulthood, according to a new longitudinal **study**.

The findings underscore the importance of continually screening for these conditions in autistic children as they age, especially as they transition from pediatric to adult care.

“There are many health conditions, both psychiatric as well as physical health, that are common in autism. And they don’t go away as teens become adults,” says **Beth Ann Malow**, professor of neurology at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, and lead investigator of the study.

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