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Research roundup

- Children with genetic markers for neurodevelopmental conditions are also highly likely to have motor-coordination difficulties. *Psychological Medicine*
- One in three people with autism in the United Kingdom takes psychiatric medications. *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*
- Diagnoses of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder are rising overall in adults in the United States, but the prevalence in white Americans is higher than in other racial and ethnic groups. *JAMA Network Open*
- Researchers have adapted the standard diagnostic test for autism to use with minimally verbal adolescents and adults. *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*
- Multiple brain areas are responsible for face recognition and may be organized in more than one network. *Brain*
- Adolescents with anxiety are at risk for additional psychiatric diagnoses as adults, according to a study. *BMC Psychiatry*
- Cognitive behavioral therapy for insomnia may be helpful for autistic children. *Autism Research*

Science and society

- A handful of European research institutions have their scientists' papers independently vetted for image manipulations and statistical errors prior to submission. *Nature*
- A New Jersey startup offers prospective parents genetic report cards that it claims will help them choose the healthiest embryos for in vitro fertilization. *MIT Technology Review*
- The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved a new medication to treat partial-onset seizures in adults. [fda.gov](https://www.fda.gov)

- The pharmaceutical company Zynerva is testing a cannabidiol gel in children with fragile X syndrome. [Philadelphia](#)
- Schools trying to identify students who pose a threat to their classmates often end up targeting children in special-education classes, including those with autism. [Searchlight New Mexico](#)
- Autistic children can visit sensory-friendly Santas at dozens of shopping centers across Canada. [Global News](#)
- The International Society for Autism Research has selected the criminal justice system as the topic for its 2020 policy brief. [International Society for Autism Research](#)
- After failing to land a restaurant job, an autistic man opened his own coffee shop. [WPRI](#)

Autism and the arts

- Two nonprofit organizations have called for digital- and fine-art submissions to a contest for North Americans with autism. [The Art of Autism](#)
 - Autistic artist Michael Richey White creates the drawings that serve as one mode of communication for the main character in the TV show “Atypical.” [Chicago Tribune](#)
 - Volunteers with autism help design and paint murals in and around Los Angeles, California. [Spectrum News 1](#)
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