

Let's talk about

Developmental outcomes of siblings of children with ASD

Children with siblings diagnosed with ASD are about **3x more likely** to have mild-to-moderate developmental delays than children without diagnosed siblings



Social and communication skills of children with autistic siblings are likely to be **lower than average**



Repetitive behavior is likely to be **more evident** in children with affected siblings

These developmental delays may occur in sibs but that **does not** mean they have ASD

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To learn more see:

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