

Request for Public Comment on IACC 2016 Strategic Plan for ASD – List of Themes

Question 3: Risk Factors	
Multiple Domains/Better Testing	Need better methods for testing contributions of risk factors from multiple domains to better understand risk of autism
Epigenetics	Need more research on epigenetic risk factors
Genetics	Need more research on genetic risk factors
Immune	Need more research on immune and metabolic risk factors
Maternal/Prenatal	Need more research on maternal and prenatal factors
Gene-Environment	Need more research on the interaction of genetic and environmental factors
Risks For Co-Occurring Conditions	Need more research on the risk factors for co-occurring conditions in autism
Microbiome	Need more research on the role of the microbiome and gastrointestinal risk factors
Familial Factors	Need more research to better understand heritability and risk of autism in families
Environmental	Need more research to better understanding environmental risk factors, including both chemical and social environments
More/Less/No Vaccine Research	Need more research to understand the role of vaccines in causing autism
	Need less/no additional research on the role of vaccines in autism
Endorse Current Priorities	Current priorities are appropriate (genetic and environmental risk factors, gene-environment interactions, and the potential role of epigenetics and the microbiome)
Prevention/Cause Not A Priority	The cause and prevention of autism are not a priority, either because resources can be better used in other areas or because preventing autism should not be a goal