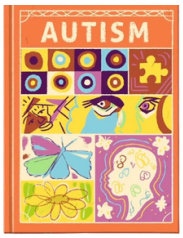
THE STORY BEHIND THE DIAGNOSIS

Understanding autism through genetics, care, and connection



START WITH THE KEY POINT



- **Autism is diagnosed clinically**
- **Genetic testing does not diagnose autism**
- **Genetic testing should be part of the clinical pathway after a clinical diagnosis of autism.**

STANDARD OF CARE: Genetic testing is recommended as part of autism care

WHAT CAN GENETICS TELL US?

Genetics can help provide answers

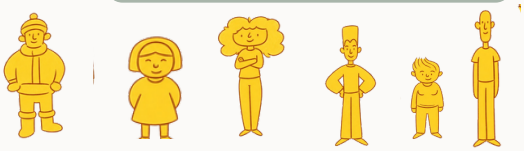


UP TO 30% OF AUTISTIC INDIVIDUALS MAY HAVE AN UNDERLYING PATHOGENIC FINDING

That information can help explain the diagnosis and support more personalized care

THE GAP IN ALBERTA

Many individuals still miss out



Only 10% of Albertans with autism have ever received standard of care genetic testing

WHY COULD GENETIC TESTING MATTER?

- Find an underlying explanation
- Connect families to resources and community
- Guide medical care and monitoring
- Identify associated health risks
- Support informed family planning and future decisions

HOW TO START THE CONVERSATION

A few simple steps can open the door

Talk to your:

- Pediatrician
- Family doctor
- Psychiatrist
- Developmental specialist
- Genetic counsellor
- Another clinician involved in autim care



You can ask:

- Should genetic testing be part of our care plan?
- Which tests are recommended?
- Would a genetics referral or genetic counselling be helpful?
- Genetic testing is a choice, but families should know it is part of recommended care
- Can you order this test for me directly?

THERE'S ALWAYS MORE TO DISCOVER



Explore autism, genetics, and genetic testing with Bo, DiNA, and their friends in the PRISMA Library of Life. Watch the video and continue exploring.
www.youtube.com/watch?v=iXvd_GEdNCE