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APPENDIX 3 – LETTER OF 25 MAY 2008 – BEST PRACTICE GUIDELINES

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Autistic Spectrum Disorders

Autistic Spectrum Disorders Publication

Autistic Spectrum Disorders: Best Practice Guidelines for Screening, Diagnosis and Assessment, is the product of nearly a year's work by experts in the field of autistic spectrum disorders. Based on validated scientific evidence, clinical experience and clinical judgment, the Guidelines provides professionals, policymakers, parents and other stakeholders with detailed "best practice" recommendations and rationale for screening, evaluating and assessing individuals suspected of having autistic spectrum disorders. The result of several concurrent events-most recently, a Wellness Initiative grant requested by the principal co-authors of the guidelines and a mandate by the California state legislature-the publication represents state-of-the art practice in the field and, as directed by Assembly Bill 430 sections 25 and 26, provides standards for diagnostic tools and methods to "ensure consistency and accuracy of diagnosis of autism disorder and other pervasive developmental disorders throughout California."

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