Early Diagnosis Is Not Essential

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PHILADELPHIA — Children with autism spectrum disorders may not need early diagnosis to benefit from intervention, according to Dr. Janow of the Children’s Hospital at Montefiore, New York, at the annual meeting of the Eastern Pediatric Research Association. The effective diagnosis at the center was 27 months, and the average time between referral and evaluation at the center was 27 months. The average age of diagnosis was 4 years. The average time between referral and evaluation was 2 months. The average age of diagnosis was 4 years. The average time between referral and evaluation was 2 months. The average age of diagnosis was 4 years. The average time between referral and evaluation was 2 months.