

Social Skills in Smith-Magenis Syndrome

A number of studies have found socialisation is a relative strength in individuals with Smith-Magenis syndrome compared to communication and [daily living skills](#). This is inconsistent with the common diagnosis of [Autism Spectrum Disorder](#), where, in individuals with idiopathic autism, the lowest scores are typically found on the socialisation subscale of autism diagnostic measures.

Younger children with Smith-Magenis syndrome have been reported to have age-appropriate social skills; however, this appears to decline with age, suggesting potential strengths in social functioning are subject to developmental influences.

Individuals with Smith-Magenis syndrome may show social preference, or ‘attachment’ to a particular adult over unfamiliar adults and peers.