Special Issue Call for Papers:
Mental Health Issues in Autism Spectrum Disorders

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The Review Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders invites manuscript submissions of reviews and meta-analyses for a Special Issue on Mental Health Issues in autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Numerous studies indicate that a diagnosis of ASD is commonly associated with increased rates of comorbid psychiatric symptoms and diagnoses; however, as a result of the heterogeneity of core symptoms and often-accompanying conditions or features (e.g., intellectual disability, concomitant medical diagnoses, expressive language deficits), practitioners’ ability to recognize, diagnose, and treat psychiatric symptoms and other conditions that compromise a person’s overall mental health and wellness is often restricted.

This Special Issue will include data-driven reviews and meta-analyses of the empirical literature as well as commentaries on issues related to mental health and wellness, protective factors regarding psychopathology, mental illness, and severe behavioral disorders in ASD and IDD across the lifespan. Sample topics include studies related to any aspect of mental health and psychopathology in ASD or IDD:

- Assessment of specific mental health symptoms and psychiatric disorders
- Impact of core autism symptoms on presentation of psychopathology
- Severe behavioral disorders
- Risk and protective factors
- Psychopharmacology of mental health symptoms in those diagnosed with ASD
- Psychophysiological or neuroimaging studies
- Treatment protocols specific to autism or IDD and mental health/psychopathology
- Special treatment paradigms or programs for mental health symptoms for those with ASD or IDD (e.g., intensive outpatient services, acute psychiatric inpatient programs)
- Developmental aspects of psychiatric symptoms in relation to ASD/IDD
- Animal models applicable to ASD/IDD

The list of suggested topics is not meant to be exclusive; all other review papers that address issues related to mental health and wellness with regard to ASD and IDD are welcome.

Submission deadline for this special issue is August 15, 2017 through RJAD’s online Editorial Manager (http://RJAD.edmgr.com/). When submitting, please designate article type, “SI: Mental Health in Autism”. Submitted manuscripts should be prepared in accordance with RJAD author guidelines for articles (link) and should include a cover letter clarifying submission for the special issue, explaining relevance to this issue, and suggesting three referees. All manuscripts will undergo standard peer review.

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