

## ***Interpreting for Autism Spectrum Disorder Services Polls***

### **Poll 1**

1. What causes autism?
  - a. Vaccinations, especially the vaccine against measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)
  - b. Certain parenting styles that create stress and resistance in a child
  - c. An interaction between genetics and the environment that we don't understand yet.
  
2. What is the function of DNA in our bodies?
  - a. DNA mandates who we will be.
  - b. DNA tells each cell how to grow, reproduce, perform its functions and die.
  - c. DNA determines what illnesses we will have.
  
3. What is a chromosome?
  - a. A long strand of DNA.
  - b. A type of film used in cameras back in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
  - c. A piece of DNA that codes for a particular trait or function.
  
4. What is a gene?
  - a. A type of pants made of denim.
  - b. A segment on a chromosome that codes for a particular trait or function.
  - c. A long strand of DNA.
  
5. How many chromosomes does a human being typically have?
  - a. 23
  - b. 46
  - c. 92
  
6. What is a genetic change that involves entire chromosomes called?
  - a. A chromosome abnormality.
  - b. A chromosome variation.
  - c. A birth defect
  
7. What is a genetic change that involves changes in a single gene called?
  - a. A gene variant.
  - b. A new style.
  - c. An abnormal gene.
  
8. Which statement about the relationship between autism and genetics is true?
  - a. Genetics plays a small role in causing autism.
  - b. There is a specific gene variant that causes autism.
  - c. Research suggests that about 80% of the cause of autism is genetic.

### **Poll 2**

1. At what age can autism be diagnosed?
  - a. Age 2
  - b. Age 2 or above

- c. Age 6 (school age)
  - d. Age 18
2. Which of the following is/are included in the process of diagnosing autism? **(check all that apply)**
- a. Detailed medical and developmental history
  - b. Review of school, medical and therapy records
  - c. Structured observational assessment
  - d. Genetic testing
3. What sort of genetic testing would be done as part of this assessment? **(check all that apply)**
- a. Exome sequencing
  - b. Microarray (CMA)
  - c. Single site analysis
  - d. Genome sequencing
4. Is there a cure for autism?
- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Maybe