

Note from Nancy:

We realize that no two children are alike and that is only magnified with autism. But... thank God there are physicians, scientists and researchers who will not give up but continue to search for all the answers. We see children whose quality of life has improved, we see that amazing group that have recovered and we pray each day that the next new discovery will be the one that unlocks our child from the world of autism. This book gives parents answers to why many interventions work and gives them the second wind they need to keep on.....Thanks Dr. Jepson and Jane Johnson!

CHANGING THE COURSE OF AUTISM **A Scientific Approach for Parents and Physicians**

by Bryan Jepson, M.D.
with Jane Johnson

Foreword by Katie Wright, daughter of the founders of Autism Speaks
Spectrum magazine's featured book for June/July

"This book will be the new PDR of autism for parents and physicians. Incredibly well referenced and easy to understand, it challenges long-held beliefs about this disorder and introduces us to the new medical model of autism. An important book that every professional and family member who deals with autism must own."

-Lee Grossman, President and CEO, Autism Society of America

"Dr. Bryan Jepson demystifies the disorder by providing the most up-to-date information on symptoms, detection, diagnosis, treatment, and the impact of the disorder on families of individuals with autism. Based on Dr. Jepson's extensive research and clinical observations, this book answers myriad questions about autism with authority and compassion."

-Doreen Granpeesheh, Ph.D., BCBA, Executive Director, Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD)

"This book would have answered so many of my questions. It is my greatest hope that pediatricians all over the country read this book with an open mind."

-Katie Wright, daughter of the founders of Autism Speaks

"The idea that the suffering of autism could be rooted in environmental injuries poses a huge challenge to medicine, science, and society. Opening our hearts and minds to fresh thinking is the only way forward. Dr. Jepson's information-filled book moves the reader through the discomfort of painful news to a framework for constructive responses."

-Martha R. Herbert, MD, PhD, Associate Professor of Neurology, Harvard Medical School

"To effectively treat children with autism, parents and physicians alike must understand the disease process. Jepson and Johnson have done a huge service to families and the medical profession by collecting a mass of information and making it available to all. We will be in their debt for a long time to come."

-Rick Rollens, parent and co-founder U.C. Davis M.I.ND. Institute

Autism is growing at 10-17 percent per year. At this startling rate, the prevalence of autism could reach four million Americans in the next decade. Most autism books describe educational and behavioral therapies, but autism is a medical disease, not a psychological disorder. **CHANGING THE COURSE OF AUTISM** shows that this disease can be treated by reducing the neurological inflammation that is part of the disease process, rather than simply masking the symptoms with drugs like Risperdal and Prozac. The authors have seen autistic behaviors improve dramatically or disappear completely with appropriate medical treatment.

Dr. Jepson graduated from the University of Utah Medical School in 1995 and completed residency training in Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1998. He is board certified in emergency medicine, and is now the Director of Medical Services at Thoughtful House Center for Children, a multidisciplinary clinic in Austin, TX, dedicated to caring for children with autism and related conditions. He lives in Austin with his wife Laurie and their two sons.

To order the book or to read excerpts, go
to http://thoughtfulhouse.org/pr/jepson_book.htm.

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