

Autism Is Medical

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Autism Advocacy Organization Receives 501(c)(3) Designation

Austin, Texas – December 2013 - In a move which solidifies dedication to their mission, the organization **Autism Is Medical (AIM)** announced receipt of its 501(c)(3) designation. Founded by a collaboration of women who have personal experience with autism impacted children and families, the organization is uniquely qualified and well positioned to serve the growing needs of the autism community.



How Will Autism is Medical (AIM) Benefit the Autism Community?

Our main goal as we get started is focused on educating parents, practitioners, and school personnel on the underlying medical issues that affect children diagnosed with ASD. **Autism Is Medical** was founded to serve the growing medical and educational needs of the autism community. The organization's mission is to support a comprehensive interdisciplinary medical model focused on underlying pathophysiology, appropriate treatments, equal access to healthcare, and standards of care surrounding this medically complex patient population.

Why is This Work So Important?

Families and physicians often have very little information about what these complex medical problems truly are, and how they can change the trajectory of a child's life. AIM believes by placing *MEDICAL* as the primary focus, we can work together to shift current thinking and allow for greater options in diagnosis and treatment. We will continue to focus on the following concerns as we expand our message and work:

- No child who exhibits symptoms of autism should go without a thorough and appropriate workup.
- No family should be denied access to appropriate medical care.

What's New For 2014

The AIM website (www.autismismedical.com) has been re-launched and will be your primary resource for learning about our organization's mission and work.

Our first official project comes in the form of medical care bracelets and keychains! These items will be incredibly beneficial in assisting parents in managing their children's extremely important medical information.

"The CARE Medical History Bracelet enables hospitals, physicians, nurses and other authorized users, to share a patient's medical history, providing efficiency and reducing the risk of human error in every patient care event."

AIM CARE Bracelets and Keychains



AIM has partnered with GC Publishers LLC and is excited to bring you medical CARE bracelets and keychains customized and preloaded with **software specific to the ASD community!** This will enable you to quickly access, highlight, track, download, update, record, and maintain each family's comprehensive personal medical record.



Lab results, files, photos, and videos can easily be uploaded to create an extensive and consistent medical record home.

To purchase your AIM CARE bracelet or keychain, please visit: www.autismismedical.com

Who Benefits from AIM Care Bracelets and Keychains

Parents, primary care givers, practitioners, emergency room professionals, school personnel, therapists, medical and nursing organizations, policy makers, regulatory agencies...and most importantly, YOUR LOVED ONE with and autism spectrum disorder.

These items are instrumental in the comprehensive, multidisciplinary health care approach we feel every single person and family affected with autism deserves.

In addition, a portion of the proceeds of the sale of each AIM CARE bracelet or keychain are donated to AIM to assist in furthering our mission and work.

Your Medical Record Home

You can store your entire family's medical history on one wristband / keychain!

This system allows you to quickly and easily organize the complete personal medical histories of every family member through one simple program.

Track your medical history with ease!

You can maintain and update your medical records directly from your computer. Upload laboratory testing, videos, photos, complete family history and more to give a comprehensive overview of each individual's medical history.

3.0 CARE e-manager software is here!

Updated to include multiple categories: medications, diagnostics, insurance, resources and contacts as well as emergency data like allergies, contraindications and potential complications are highlighted and visible.

Key Features



- Private and portable
- Operates easily from PC or MAC
- Password protected and encrypted
- Data can be imported from hospital or office
- Easy to update
- Durable & Waterproof
- Software included
- No monthly fees
- Internet access is not required

For additional information: <http://medicalhistorybracelet.com/how-it-works/>

Inside the Next Issue

- Conference Recap
- Website Content
- Autism Policy Reform Coalition updates
- New AIM support groups announced



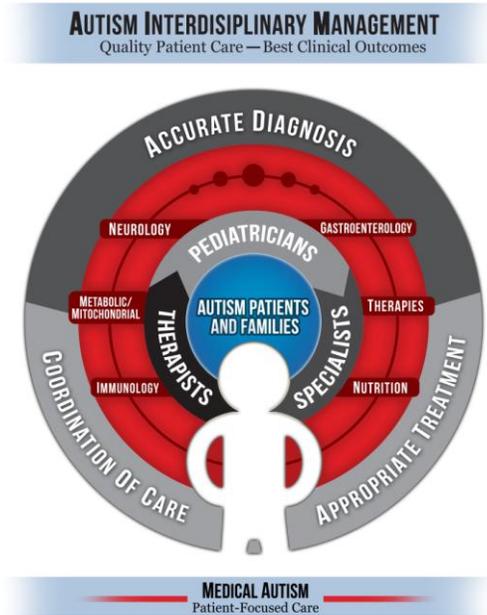
“Autistic patients should have the same access to appropriate diagnostic investigation of their health problems as all other patient populations. Patient centered focused care is the standard of practice in all settings and we will continue to promote the inclusion of this large group of medically complex individuals.”



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About Us...

Autism Is Medical (AIM) was created in 2007 by Jill Rubolino, Amanda Lochbaum, and Jeanna Reed. It is an active parental support group, hosted by meetup.com, which continues to offer parents a place to share information and learn valuable insight into how to navigate the myriad of medical issues that affect children with ASD. The group has grown into an active support system with parents joining nationwide.

In these past few years, we have grown to realize the need for national advocacy in regards to developing a standard of care regarding the medical care of children with autism. In 2013, the founders of AIM took their mission one step further by forming a nonprofit dedicated to serving the growing needs of this medically complex community.

“We are eternally thankful to everyone involved for taking this journey with us, and we hope you will join us as we continue to fight for the appropriate medical care of individuals with a diagnosis of autism.”

Jill Rubolino * Jeanna Reed * Amanda Lochbaum

Why We Do What We Do

