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## **Abstract**

Autism and development disorders have serious consequences for an individual's behaviour, but also for the autonomy and social participation of children, adolescents and adults. One of the main features of this disorder is a marked difficulty in verbal, oral and written communication, which is manifested in a significant delay in or total absence of language development, often restricted to repetitive and stereotyped patterns. The CD-ROM that accompanies this book has been designed with the aim of providing operating routes that facilitate the automation of image recognition, association with written text and the reading and composition of phrases.

## Main findings

After an introduction to autism spectrum disorders, the book outlines, in a clear and comprehensive manner, the main diagnostic methods and rehabilitation. It focuses on augmentative communication and the use of computers as tools for recovery and support. Some examples of field experience and a repertoire of supplementary materials to the software are then presented. The book also contains a chapter that describes the CD-ROM and provides instructions for users.