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“Pragmatic Language in Children with Neurodevelopmental Disabilities: Overlap and Differences in Fragile X Syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorder, and Down Syndrome”

ABSTRACT:

Pragmatic, or social, language was examined in children with fragile X syndrome (FXS with and without autism spectrum disorder [ASD]), Down syndrome, idiopathic ASD, and typical development. Diagnostic group differences and overlap in conversational discourse (e.g., topic maintenance, perseveration) will be discussed, as well as some implications for practice. As FXS is the most common known genetic cause of ASD, a particular focus of this presentation will be the overlap of pragmatic profiles in these two conditions.