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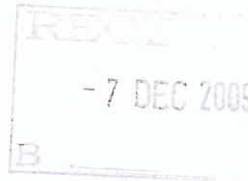


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Diagnosis of ADD, ADHD, PDD, Aspergers or Autism warrants immediate referral to MedicAlert® to protect the interests and safety of the patient.

Anxiety is considered a significant issue for those diagnosed with these conditions and can result in behaviour that is out of the norm or somewhat alarming to other people be it at school or in the community at large.

Behavioural issues can become escalated when these patients are exposed to assertive behaviour by people they do not know such as the Police, with anxiety based fight or flight, or shocked immobility reactions potentially resulting in extreme behaviours that the Police may otherwise consider suspicious or illegal.

False confessions due to anxiety are also a serious risk for both the Patient and the Police as a consequence of these conditions. The legal processes that follow as a consequence of false confessions, add significant and unnecessary stress for the Patient and their family that are often expensive and take long periods of time to resolve through the court system.

A MedicAlert® Membership and Emblem can significantly improve the outcome of interaction with law enforcement agencies. The police can immediately be notified that they are dealing with an individual that has a diagnosed condition that requires serious consideration and appropriate treatment or action that is consistent with New Zealand National Policing policies.

A MedicAlert® Membership can provide access to Vital Patient information that results in appropriate treatment and support for the Patient being sort in a timely manor along with the contact of key people who support the Patient.

If you or a family member have been clinically diagnosed with one of these conditions, the ADD NZ Trust seriously recommends that you (or they) with MedicAlert.

For more information about the ADD New Zealand Trust, including assessment and family support services :

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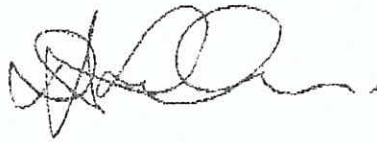
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