

University of California Study Links Autism Causes to the Environment

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According to an article in *Scientific American*, a new study conducted by University of California, Davis, linked autism to environmental causes. According to studies, California has seen a sevenfold increase in Autism. University of California scientists advocate a shift in autism studies, with a new focus on environmental factors, which they believe are potential causes for the increasing rates of autism not only in California, but across the nation. This study also dismisses the idea that broader criteria for diagnosing autism, or migration patterns, are responsible for rising rates. According to Irva Hertz-Picciotto, an epidemiology professor at UC Davis' M.I.N.D. Institute, there is more research to be done, but possible causes could be found in the microbial and chemical worlds.

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