

## Quiz - Understanding FASD

Answer the questions below to test your knowledge.

- You can tell when someone has FASD by looking at their TRUE / FALSE facial features.
- In Australia, it is estimated that FASD is more prevalent than Autism Spectrum Disorder, Down's Syndrome, Spina Bifida, and Cerebral Palsy.
- Some children with FASD will "grow out" of it.

  TRUE / FALSE
- There are 10 neurodevelopmental domains that can be impacted by FASD.

  TRUE / FALSE
- FASD is easy to distinguish from other neurodevelopmental disorders like Autism or ADHD.

  TRUE / FALSE
- Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) is the only diagnostic terminology that should be used to describe an individual prenatally exposed to alcohol.
  - It is very important that children with FASD receive support from an early age.

TRUE / FALSE

## **ANSWERS**

1 FALSE Less than 5% of individuals with FASD display the sentinel facial features (thin upper lip, small or short eye openings, smooth philtrum), but all individuals will experience neurodevelopmental impairments.

TRUE

It is estimated that FASD affects approximately 2% of the general population in Australia. This equates to 6000 babies born with FASD each year.

FALSE FASD is a lifelong disability that has permanent effects on an individual's body and brain.

FASD can affect brain structure, motor skills, cognition, language, academic achievement, memory, attention, executive function, social skills and affect regulation.

FASD can be difficult to differentiate from other neurodevelopmental disorders due to the overlap of symptoms. FASD can also co-occur with other disorders, a concept known as comorbidity.

Since 2016, when national diagnostic guidelines were developed in Australia, we use the term FASD. Terms used previously, such as Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, should no longer be used.

TRUE Early diagnosis and intervention can reduce the risk of long-term negative outcomes, such as a disrupted school experience, mental health issues, contact with the justice system, and harmful substance use.

