

## Case Study: The Cause of Autism is Our Cause

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Nicole is a nutrition therapist who moved to the US from Zimbabwe. She settled in Florida with her family. When her son was born she was as ecstatic and overjoyed as any new mom. But her life would soon change. Tragically, her son was diagnosed with autism. She knew something was wrong. He screamed; he ignored people; he did not respond to love or touch appropriately; and he seemed uncomfortable and distressed. His symptoms were classic, and as is common with the autism spectrum, they were not just behavioral. Autism comes with an array of debilitating and painful physiological problems, like “leaky gut”, sensory abnormalities, seizures, immune suppression, emotional disturbances, learning disabilities, and visual defects.

It’s heartbreaking and it’s an epidemic in America, affecting as many as one in 100 kids!

But this mom did not give up or resign herself to merely dealing with a bad situation. She quickly studied all the literature and research papers on the subject, and found that traditional medicine was of little help.

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Nicole needed an alternative and she needed it fast. Accumulated evidence demonstrates that the sooner a positive therapy is applied in the life of an autistic child, the better the chances of advanced healing.

She came across our clay mineral compound through her health care connections. It was recommended by a medical doctor in Phoenix with whom she had consulted with for help with her son’s autism. The doctor mentioned that not all clay mineral compounds were active, and some did not relieve symptoms. The ION-MIN® natural, premium clay had worked very well in many cases, and became part of a multi-treatment regimen that has contributed to healing.

ION-MIN® works as both a detoxification agent and as a potent source of trace minerals to help a body’s physiology become balanced and realigned. It promotes health within every environment to which it is applied: waterways, soils, the skin...and inside your body.

ION-MIN®’s potential comes from several properties, some common to all Calcium Montmorillonite compounds, and some unique to ION-MIN®. The extremely miniscule silica platelets hold a relatively powerful and persistent negative ionic charge. Physicists call it an “anion” (pronounced an-ion). This electric charge allows it to hold onto colloidal minerals needed by your body. When you ingest it, or put it in soil, the mineral nutrients are released in a controlled manner. So the compound is a delivery vehicle for trace minerals and a buffer, so your body gets what it needs on-demand. ION-MIN® happens to be a very pure and finely-deposited powder, so it is more active and absorbable than most other natural compounds.

Plus it has abundant colloidal minerals within it...57 macro, micro and trace minerals in bio-available form.

But the negative charge also acts as a draw. Most toxins and heavy metals are positively charged by nature, as are many parasites and harmful chemicals. They are positively charged. Positive elements are called cations (pronounced "cat-ions"). And when you place ION-MIN® into a wet environment, a tiny electrical effect causes an attraction...toxic substances are irresistibly drawn to the mineral platelets, where they are sequestered and absorbed for proper elimination. It seems incredible that an all-natural material can work so well for this purpose. It is amazing, but it is not magic. In fact, this pure, mineral material is in the middle of a very real scientific revolution in nanomaterials...new material composites that can be used in a variety of ways in science and industry.

The important thing about choosing a Calcium Montmorillonite/ Bentonite complex is purity and fineness. "I had consulted with a physician on the red & green clays and he said 'no'. You can never be sure about pollution, metals/lava ash etc, and after spending many tough years cleansing my son, I was not going to put ANYTHING detrimental back in! To me, the whole purpose of the clay is to grab everything pathogenic in the body and get it out. Things have definitely improved from using the clay. Ammonia levels have gone down to minimal levels; yeast hasn't been an issue since we started using the ION-MIN® product (TERRAMIN®); many symptoms were relieved"

—Nicole.

"My son has gone from a totally non-verbal, no eye contact, screaming uncontrollable mess, to a verbal, loving, sweet and adorable child who is well on his way to being symptom free! It's taken an incredible amount of sacrifice, in all areas of our lives, but it has been so worth it. Most families don't survive this journey, there's simply too much heartache and too much intensity."

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"It's been seven years since we started the many therapies to help our son. He...we have come an incredibly long way. We believe the clay powder has been a big part of his improvement."

Children with autism need calm, soothing environments. Fits of rage can be triggered by environmental stressors that most people can normally cope with. This makes life very difficult for caring parents who have to be extremely patient.

"If he's really having a very rough day and just can't get it together, I pop him in a clay bath for 45 minutes...in fact, the minute he gets in, he's calm! I've had many times where he's taken me to the bathroom and taken the clay out of the cupboard and asked me to put it in the bath for him. With my child, that means that he knows that it makes him feel better!"

Nicole has met many parents who are going through the same challenges in life. But she feels blessed that she had the advantage of having been immersed in the health sciences. As a Lymphatic Decongestive Therapist, a Health, Fitness and Nutrition Consultant, Nicole has been able to find the resources she needs to help with autism.

Nicole has other recommendations for improving the lives of autistic children. "The gut is the biggest health issue. If you can control the digestive track..."the gut"...you can begin to get control over the other difficult issues, both systemic and social." She recommends a Green juice

diet, a change in lifestyle, sacro-cranial massage, and several other additional treatments to help the kids get control back in their lives.

Nicole loves to help children and adults who need the benefit of her experience. In her home town she conducts pro bono sessions with people in need.

“Helping children with autism is on my heart, this is all I've lived and breathed for 6 years now. Bringing hope to people who thought there was none, and peace and joy to those who thought they'd never experience another rainbow in all their lives.”  
— Nicole

It was in those sessions that she met Dr. Hradek, a medical doctor whose son also had also been diagnosed with autism. Dr. Hradek's wife Debby took many of Nicole's suggestions and added some of her own. The Hradeks are sold on the ION-MIN® clay themselves, and took the time to contact California Earth Minerals about their son.

Dr. Hradek is passionate about the science and underlying factors that give rise to autism...and the contributions of science to combat it.

According to Dr. Hradek, “there is a growing body of evidence that autism is triggered by the exposure to man-made chemicals and unnatural exposures of heavy elements. E.g. Arsenic, Cadmium, Lead, Thallium, and organic Mercury found in some vaccines. Naturally like any condition on this planet, the manifestation of autism involves some component of genetic predisposition. Children with autism have one or more mutation in genes which are involved in the process of natural detoxification of our bodies.”

“We have some of the greatest minds in science thinking about the problem of autism and trying to find a cure or prevention. Meanwhile, we have products like IONMIN ® clay minerals that contribute to restored health and peace.”  
— Dr. Hradek

“Our remedial support for our son is essentially a full court press”, adds Debby.

“It includes vitamins and essential oils, fixing leaking gut, treating of constipation, treating reflux, treating autistic enterocolitis, preventing oxidative stress, supporting the detoxification pathways, immune system support, breaking the Inflammatory cycle, removing environmental stress. We've even used hyperbaric chambers to assertively supply the brain with oxygen; and of course plenty of love and patience! When it's your child, you want to do everything you can as fast as you can. It makes a lot of parents frantic, and they feel guilty when they can't do it all.”  
—Debby Hradek.

The Hradeks are convinced. They've tried alternatives. “I firmly believe that ION-MIN® will become—and already is becoming— important component of the very complex, challenging and team approach requiring treatment plan for autism”, notes Dr. Hradek.

My 2 year-old son Federico who was diagnosed with autism...and all autistic children I know are experiencing noticeable improvement in their overall status with regular use of this natural clay using both as an oral supplement and as a bathing agent.

—Dalibor Hradek, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., F.A.C.S., Bradenton, Florida

“We look at Nicole’s success, and she gives us encouragement knowing that our son is on such a great recovery track. So many people think of autism as incurable. But it can be significantly amended. We see the changes in Federico. We can’t say ION-MIN® is a cure, but we know it has made a great contribution to the well-being of our child. It’s critical that the natural compounds people choose for their families are free of impurities, chemicals and toxins. Not only are we sure that ION-MIN® products are pure, but we can be assured that this wonderful compound removes many of the harmful chemicals and toxins that we are exposed to every day of our lives.”

—Debby Hradek



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