

IN THE NEWS....

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued new warnings People should stop using the "Miracle" or "Master" mineral solution products sold online as cures for autism, cancer, HIV, hepatitis, flu, acne and a host of other illnesses and diseases, the US Food and Drug Administration warned Monday. The FDA is a consumer watchdog and warns companies against making unsubstantiated claims about their products' benefits as a treatment or cure for autism or autism-related symptoms.

"The products -- known by various names, including Miracle or Master Mineral Solution, Miracle Mineral Supplement, MMS, Chlorine Dioxide Protocol and Water Purification Solution or WPS -- are sold from various websites as cures for a range of both severe and minor ailments. 'Miracle Mineral Solution' and similar products are not FDA-approved, and ingesting these products is the same as drinking bleach," said FDA Acting Commissioner Dr. Ned Sharpless. "Consumers should not use these products, and parents should not give these products to their children for any reason." To read the full article, visit <https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/15/health/bleach-miracle-cure-fda-warning/index.html?no-st=1567984442>

The Food and Drug Administration has warned and/or taken action against a number of companies that have made improper claims about their products' intended use as a treatment or cure for autism or autism-related symptoms. Some of these so-called therapies carry significant health risks. For example, Chelation Therapy, Hyperbaric Oxygen therapy, Detoxifying Clay Baths, Raw Camel Milk and MMS. For more information, visit - <https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/be-aware-potentially-dangerous-products-and-therapies-claim-treat-autism>

THIS MONTH'S FAMILY MEETINGS

Houma 9/18 Group Meeting at **8:45am**
Thibodaux 9/19 Group Meeting at **6:00pm**
Baton Rouge 9/26 Group Meeting at **1:00pm**
Hammond Group Meeting 9/26 at **5:30pm**
Hammond 9/27 **8:00-11:00 am Individual Meetings**
Lafayette Group Meeting 9/20 at **8:30am**
Lafayette Individual Meetings 9/20 **9:30-12:30**

Group sessions are open to any Touchstone parent or other legal guardian. Other caregivers may attend **with** parents/guardians. Please refrain from bringing children to the group meetings. Individual

Join Us! If you are unable to attend the monthly meetings, please contact Angie Lanoux at: alanoux@tc-aba.com to set up individual meetings.

ONLINE BLINK PARENT EDUCATION

To check coverage, set up your online BLINK account, or to schedule an online session, contact Janice at (337) 526-5231 or jhuber@tc-aba.com

Some red flags to be aware of when evaluating treatment claims:

- Be wary of products that claim to treat a wide range of diseases or disorders,
- The use of personal stories or testimonials in marketing – those are not the same as scientific evidence
- Any therapy that promises quick results
- Any therapy that calls itself a "miracle" or "cure"
- Any therapy that does not have published, peer reviewed, research in a scholarly journal

Some alternative therapies can be quite enticing on the surface – Do you have questions about alternative therapies? Or how to evaluate the science behind a therapy? Contact us!