Treatment of Psychosis in the Context of ASD and ID

- Identification of psychotic symptoms in children with ASD and ID is challenging due to overlapping symptoms.
- Common features of psychosis in ASD include: decline from baseline functioning; presence of new onset delusions or hallucinations; change in intensity of magical thinking or blurring of reality/fantasy; and co-occurring change in mood. Change from usual functioning is key.
- Consult a child and adolescent psychiatrist if psychosis is suspected.