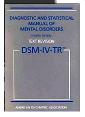


## Diagnosing Psychological Disorders

Chapter 2 Classification and Treatment Plans

## How are disorders diagnosed?

The <u>DSM IV</u> (APA, 2000) is the most widely used \_\_\_\_\_ currently used to make a diagnosis.



This is a manual that contains a listing of psychiatric disorders and diagnostic codes

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- Each disorder is defined by a set of diagnostic criteria and text containing information about the disorder.
  - familial patterns
  - age
  - culture

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The DSM is descriptive, not explanatory.	
History of the DSM The first edition of the DSM was published in 1952 and contained about 60 disorders.  The DSM –I and II were very influenced by the There was no sharp distinction between "normal and abnormal"  All disorders were loosely defined and caused by unconscious emotional conflict. The reliability of these systems was poor.	
DSM III  In 1980, the Psychodynamic view was abandoned and a medical model became the primary approach.  Changes were made to the diagnostic system based on scientific data, not consensus of experts.	

** DSM IV The current standard	
New disorders were introduced and other deleted in the DSM IV.	
<u>Example</u>	
The DSM-V is in progress (2010-2012)	
DSM IV is a "multi-axial" system of classification.  Axis 1 - Mood disorders, Schizophrenia, Anxiety disorders etc  Axis 2- Personality Disorders/Mental Retardation	
Axis 3-  Axis 4- Psychosocial Stress  Axis 5- (GAF)Global Assessment of Functioning	
What's the BEST Diagnosis?	
After reviewing all of the symptoms presented by the cline the clinician makes a diagnosis.	
Differential Diagnosis refers to all of the diagnostic categories that	

Assigning Rank  When clinicians give multiple diagnoses they typically consider one to be the	
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The disorder that is considered to be the primary reason the individual	
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Is this system perfect?	
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One criticism of the DSM IV is the notion ofthe	
presence of two or more disorders in an individual at the same time.	
■ Some criticize this categorical system because it	
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Treatment Planning	
■Once a diagnosis has been assigned a treatment	
plan is developed which is designed to provide	
First the clinician deals with the crisis, then handles	
problems in the near future and finally	
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Treatment Sites  Treatment sites vary in the degree to which they	
provide a	
Psychiatric hospitals	
Halfway Houses and Day Treatment Centers  13	
What type of treatment is best?  The is the form of treatment determined by the clinician based on the best match between the client's goals and needs.	
There are many forms of therapy available for clients:	
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■ Anxiety Disorders	
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