

Review of Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5)

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Abstract

The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders—often referred to as the DSM—is known with the title of Diagnostic Bible for Mental Health Professionals. In the United States the DSM serves as a universal authority for psychiatric diagnosis. The first version of DSM was published in 1952, since that time it has undergone several revisions, with the most recent edition—DSM-5—published in May 18, 2013, superseding the DSM-IV-TR published in 2000. The DSM includes all information related to every psychiatric disorder, specific criteria required for a diagnosis, as well as a comprehensive overview of each disorder. In every revision, the target was to organize and classify the disorder based on recent research findings, incorporating the input of experts of different professionalssuch as psychiatrists, psychologists, neurologists, pediatricians and social workers.

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Development of DSM-5

The movement for a fifth edition of the DSM was initiated in a conference in 1999, jointly sponsored by American Psychiatric Association (APA) and the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). At this conference, work groups were formulated to work on the following broad topics: Nomenclature, Neuroscience and Genetics, Developmental Issues and Diagnosis, Personality disorders, Relational disorders, Gender issues, Diagnostic issues in the Geriatric population, and Mental disorders in infants and young children. In 2007, a task force consisting of 27 members was formulated to oversee the development of DSM-5 and do the field-testing of new classifications.

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Overall Changes to the DSM

Overall, DSM-5 has undergone significant changes among them, the removal of the multi-axial system and rearranging the chapter order of disorders. Details about the changes are given below.

1. *Restructured Order of Chapters*

The order of chapters in DSM-5 is different from past editions. The twenty chapters were restructured on the basis of similarities in disorders, the apparent relatedness of disorders with each other, as well as underlying vulnerabilities and symptom characteristics of the disorders. For example, trauma and stressor-related disorders are all grouped together as 'Post Traumatic Stress Disorder'. The changes of DSM-5 in line with the World Health Organization's (WHO) International Classification of Diseases eleventh edition (ICD-11).

These changes to the DSM facilitate communication among mental health professionals and across disorders within a chapter, provide common diagnoses.

2. *Removal of Multi-axial System*

DSM-5 shifted to a non-axial documentation of diagnosis. It combines former Axes I, II and III, with separate notations for psychosocial and contextual factors (formerly Axis IV) and disability (formerly Axis V).

3. *New Diagnoses*

In DSM-5, following disorders were added:

- Disruptive Mood Dysregulation Disorder
- Hoarding Disorder
- Binge Eating Disorder
- Excoriation Disorder

Disruptive Mood Dysregulation disorder was included in the DSM-5 to diagnose children who exhibit persistent irritability and frequent episodes of behavior outbursts for more than a year with a frequency of three or more outbursts a week instead of diagnosing them with bipolar disorder.

Hoarding disorder was added as a new disorder to the DSM-5 because extensive scientific research supporting the existence and seriousness of the disorder. The disorder characterizes people with persistent difficulty discarding or parting with possessions, regardless

of their actual value. The behavior usually has harmful effects—emotional, physical, social, financial and even legal—for a hoarder and family members.

Binge Eating disorder became a recognized mental disorder in the DSM-5 as opposed to its previous placement in the Appendix B of the DSM-IV. The intention is to represent the symptoms and behaviors of people with this condition in a better way.

Excoriation (skin-picking) disorder is a new diagnosis in the DSM-5 and is included in the Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Disorders chapter.

4. *Revised Diagnoses*

In DSM-5, following diagnostic criteria were revised:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Post-traumatic Stress Disorder
- Substance Use Disorder
- Specific Learning Disorder

Autism Spectrum Disorder is a combination of previous disorders including Autistic disorder, Asperger's disorder, childhood disintegrative disorder and pervasive developmental disorder (not otherwise specified). The combination of disorders occurred in an attempt to diagnose children with autism more accurately and consistently. Rett's disorder was deleted.

Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) was added as a new chapter in DSM-5 on Trauma and Stressor-Related Disorders. DSM-5 pays more attention to the behavioral symptoms that accompany PTSD and proposes four distinct diagnostic clusters instead of three.

Substance Use Disorder is a combination of the DSM-IV categories of substance abuse and substance dependence. In the DSM-5, criteria were not only combined but strengthened as previous substance abuse criteria required only one symptom for diagnosis but the DSM-5 now requires at least two to three symptoms for the mild substance use disorder diagnosis.

Specific Learning Disorder DSM-5 makes Specific Learning Disorder more broad by having it be an overarching category that describes general difficulties in academic skills but allows for specific descriptors once the diagnosis is made such as: oral language, reading, written language, or mathematics.

5. *Removal of Bereavement Exclusion*

To diagnose bereavement according to DSM-IV, one needs to experience depressive symptoms less than two months following the death of a loved one. Bereavement Exclusion excludes an individual experiencing depressive disorders from being diagnosed with Major Depressive Disorder (MDD) if the individual was experiencing symptoms within 2 months of the death of a loved one. In the DSM-5, it is replaced by numerous notes in the text explaining the difference between grief and depression, suggestive toward the fact that bereavement is a severe psychosocial stressor which may precipitate a major depressive episode soon after the loss of a loved one.

6. *Conditions Requiring Further Research*

In the DSM-5, there is a new category of disorders which need to be further studied and are replaced in Section III which includes: Attenuated psychosis syndrome, Internet use gaming disorder, Non-suicidal self-injury, and Suicidal behavioral disorder.

Overview of DSM-5

DSM-5 can be categorized into three sections

- Section I includes an introduction and instructions on how to use the new version;
- Section II covers the diagnostic categories;
- Section III contains conditions that need additional research, a glossary of terms, and other important information.

Section I: DSM-5 Basics

This section includes organization of the chapters, changes from the multiaxial system, and dimensional assessments of Section III. The introductory section explains the complete process of revision related to field trials, public and professionals' reviews, and expert reviews. The main goal was to synchronize DSM-5 with the ICD systems. The not otherwise specified (NOS) categories of DSM-5 were split into two to increase utilization by the clinicians: other specified disorder and unspecified disorder. The first allows the clinician to spell out the reason that the criteria for a specific disorder are not met; the second condition gives the option to the clinician to skip the specification. DSM-5 abolishes the multiaxial system of diagnosis and all disorders are listed in Section II. Axis-IV is replaced with significant psychosocial and

contextual features. Axis-V was completely dropped; however, in Section III, the World Health Organization's (WHO) Disability Assessment Schedule is added as a suggested method of assessing functioning instead of a requirement for diagnosis. The chapter of disorders usually first diagnosed in infancy, childhood, or adolescence was deleted and disorders were listed in other chapters. Under Anxiety Disorders, DSM-5 claims that the "chronological order" of some chapters has its significance from the diagnostic perspective.

Section II: Diagnostic Criteria and Codes

1. *Neuro-developmental disorders*

In Neuro-developmental disorders, Intellectual disability is the term for mental retardation; Communication disorders encompass phonological disorder and stuttering; Autism Spectrum disorder includes Asperger disorder, childhood disintegrative disorder and pervasive developmental disorder. However, Motor Disorders group together developmental coordination disorder, stereotypic movement disorder, tic disorder and Tourette syndrome. With DSM-5, Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity disorder is placed under Neuro-developmental disorders and extends the age limit from 7 years to 12 years.

2. *Schizophrenia Spectrum and Other Psychotic Disorders*

The four subtypes of schizophrenia were removed. To diagnose Schizoaffective disorder, a major mood episode is required and delusional disorder are diagnosed as shared delusional disorder. To diagnose Catatonia, three symptoms from a group of twelve symptoms are required. Catatonia could be considered as a specifier for depressive, bipolar, and psychotic disorders, part of another medical condition, or of another specified diagnosis.

3. *Bipolar and Related Disorders*

For bipolar disorder and depressive disorder, anxiety symptoms are considered as specifiers, but are not part of the bipolar diagnostic criteria. The specifier with mixed features (depression and mania) is applied to Major Depressive Disorder (MDD), bipolar I and II disorder, and bipolar disorder not elsewhere defined (NED), which was previously named as not otherwise specified (NOS).

4. *Depressive Disorders*

In DSM-5, children up to age eighteen years with depressive symptoms are considered as having disruptive mood dysregulation disorder. For mixed symptoms as well as for

anxiety, new specifiers have been added. Dysthymia is named as persistent depressive disorder. The bereavement exclusion was removed from the category of depressive disorder in DSM-5.

Premenstrual dysphoric disorder has become an independent disorder.

5. *Anxiety Disorders*

Panic attack is now a specifier for all disorders and panic disorder and agoraphobia are entertained as two different and independent disorders. Social phobia which was a generalized specifier for social anxiety disorder is changed to refer specifically to a type of performance, such as public speaking or performance in public. For different phobias and anxiety disorders, DSM-5 eliminated the requirement of eighteen years old. The duration requirement of six months is applicable for both children and adults. Specific types of phobias became specifiers but are otherwise unchanged. Separation anxiety and selective mutism now fall under anxiety disorders instead of disorders of early onset.

6. *Obsessive Compulsive and Related Disorders*

There is a new and separate chapter for obsessive compulsive disorder and a specifier with obsessive compulsive symptoms moved from anxiety disorders. This chapter includes four new disorders: Excoriation; Hoarding disorder; Substance-/medication-induced obsessive-compulsive and related disorder, and Obsessive-compulsive and related disorder due to another medical condition. There are two new diagnoses: other specified obsessive compulsive and related disorder including body-focused repetitive behavior disorder and obsessive jealousy and unspecified obsessive compulsive and related disorder. Trichotillomania is now placed in obsessive-compulsive and related disorders but in DSM-IV-TR, it was diagnosed under impulse-control disorders not elsewhere classified. A specifier was expanded which allows for good or fair insight, poor insight and absent insight and was added to body dysmorphic and hoarding disorder. Criteria were added to body dysmorphic disorder to explain repetitive behavior that may come up with perceived defects or flaws in one's physical appearance.

7. *Trauma and Stressor Related Disorders*

There is a new section with the name of Trauma and Stressor Related Disorders for what was previously just Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The diagnostic clusters of PTSD were rearranged, organized and extended up to four on the basis of confirmatory factor analytic research conducted after publication of DSM-IV. For children six years old or younger, separate criteria were added. Adjustment disorders were reconceptualized as stress-response syndromes and were removed in this new section. DSM-IV subtypes for depressed mood, anxious symptoms, and disturbed conduct remain unchanged. For acute stress disorder, the stressor

criteria of DSM-IV (Criterion

A1) was modified to some extent but due to lack of empirical support, the requirement for specific subjective emotional reactions, set as Criterion A2 of DSM-

IV was abolished. There are certain groups: military personnel involved in combat, law enforcement officers and other first responders did not meet criterion A2 in DSM-

IV because their training prepared them to not react emotionally to traumatic events, however, they could be classified as having Acute Stress Disorder. Two former subtypes were upgraded to disorders: reactive attachment disorder and disinhibited social engagement disorder.

8. *Dissociative Disorders*

Depersonalization and derealization fall under depersonalization disorder. For dissociative amnesia, dissociative fugue is a specifier. The criteria for dissociative identity disorder were extended and included possession-form phenomena and functional neurological symptoms. It is made clear that “transitions in identity may be observable by others or self-reported” (DSM-5, 2013). Moreover, Criterion B was also modified which includes that people who experience gaps in recall of everyday events (recall is not focusing too only trauma).

9. *Somatic symptom and related disorders*

Somatiform disorders are called somatic symptom and related disorders in DSM-5. Somatization disorder, hypochondriasis, pain disorder, and undifferentiated disorder were discarded. Patients that present with chronic pain cannot be diagnosed with somatic symptom disorder with predominant pain, psychological factors that affect other medical conditions or an adjustment disorder. Somatization disorder and undifferentiated somatiform disorder were combined under somatic symptom disorder, a diagnosis which does not need a specific number of somatic symptoms. Somatic symptom and related disorders are defined by positive symptoms, and the use of medically unexplained symptoms is minimized, except in the cases of conversion disorder and pseudocyesis (false pregnancy). Criteria for conversion disorder were changed. Other Conditions That May Be a Focus of Clinical Attention are categorized as a new diagnosis as psychological factors affecting other medical conditions.

10. *Feeding and eating disorders*

Rumination and Pica disorder are no longer disorders for children; any person of any age could be diagnosed with it. For children, a rarely used diagnosis of DSM-IV was renamed from Feeding disorder of infancy or early childhood to avoidant/restrictive food intake disorder and criteria were extended. Binge eating has been recognized as an independent disorder in DS

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5. For Binge eating disorder and Bulimia Nervosa, the duration of at least twice weekly for 6 months was changed to at least once weekly over the last 3 months. The criteria for anorexia nervosa were changed and now in DSM-5, Anorexia is not a requirement for amenorrhea.

11. *Elimination Disorders*

Elimination disorder was not a diagnostic category in DSM-

IV. Elimination disorders were previously classified under disorders usually first diagnosed in infancy, childhood, or adolescence and exists now as an independent classification in DSM-5.

12. *Sleep-wake disorders*

Sleep disorders related to another mental disorder and sleep disorders related to general medical condition were eliminated; however, primary insomnia became an independent disorder. Narcolepsy was separated from other hyper-somnolence. In DSM-5, there are three breathing related sleep disorders: Obstructive sleep apnea hypopnea, central sleep apnea, and sleep related hypoventilation. Jet lag was removed but circadian rhythms sleep wake disorders were extended which include the following: Advanced Sleep Phase Syndrome; Irregular Sleep Wake Type; and Non 24 hour Sleep Wake Type. Instead of listing rapid eye movements sleep behavior disorder and restless legs syndrome under dyssomnias not otherwise specified, both were afforded independent disorder status.

13. *Sexual dysfunctions*

DSM-5 introduces sex-

specific sexual dysfunctions. For females, sexual desire and arousal disorders are combined into female sexual interest/arousal disorder. Now sexual dysfunctions require a period of at least 6 months of symptoms for diagnosis. Sexual aversion disorder was excluded. The subtypes, lifelong/acquired and generalized/situational, were included for all disorders and two subtypes, sexual dysfunction due to general medical condition and due to psychological versus combined factors were deleted. Vaginismus and dyspareunia were combined and given the title genitor-pelvic pain/penetration disorder.

14. *Gender dysphoria*

Gender dysphoria is quite similar to gender identity disorder of DSM-

IV. Subtypes of gender identity disorder based on sexual orientation were deleted. Besides making changes in words, criterion A: cross-gender identification and criterion B:

Aversion toward one's gender were combined together and separate criteria for children, adolescents and adults, according to developmental states were added in DSM-

5. The change of name was made partially due

to stigmatization of the term 'disorder' and the relatively common use of gender dysphoria in the gender identity disorder's literature. The specific diagnosis for children is due to their poor insight about what they are experiencing and how they are expressing it?

15. *Disruptive, Impulse Control and Conduct Disorders*

Some disorders included in this chapter are oppositional defiant disorder, conduct disorder, and disruptive behavior disorder not otherwise specified were now named as: other specified and unspecified disruptive disorder, impulse control disorder, and conduct disorder. Intermittent explosive disorder, pyromania, and kleptomania were moved to this chapter from impulse control disorders not otherwise specified. Antisocial personality disorder is listed here and in the chapter on personality disorders, but ADHD has been moved to neurodevelopmental disorders. Symptoms for oppositional defiant disorder are of three types: angry/irritable mood, argumentative/defiant behavior, and vindictiveness. The conduct disorder exclusion is deleted. Frequency requirements and a measure of severity were changed. Criteria for conduct disorder are unchanged; however, a specifier was added for those who have limited pro-social emotion, showing callous and unemotional traits. Those whom the criteria but are of more than six years (disorder's minimum age) may be diagnosed with intermittent explosive disorder without outbursts of physical aggression. Criteria were added for frequency and to specify impulsive and/or trait anger and must cause marked distress, cause impairment in occupational or interpersonal functioning, or be associated with negative financial or legal consequences.

16. *Substance-related and addictive disorders*

Substance abuse and Substance dependence have been combined into a single substance use disorders specific to each substance of abuse within a new addictions and related disorders category. Recurrent legal problems was deleted and craving or a strong desire or urge to use a substance was added to the criteria. The threshold of the number of criteria that must be met was changed. Severity from mild to severe is based on the number of criteria endorsed. Gambling and Tobacco use disorder are new entities. Criteria for cannabis and caffeine withdrawal were added. New specifiers were added for early and sustained remission along with new specifiers for symptoms in a controlled environment and in maintenance therapy.

17. *Neurocognitive disorders*

Major or mild neurocognitive disorder (NCD) includes what was previously dementia and amnesic disorder. A new list of neuro-cognitive domains is added in DSM-5. There are new

separate criteria presented for major or mild NCD due to various conditions. Neurocognitive disorder due to substance or medication and unspecified neurocognitive disorder are new diagnoses.

18. *Personality disorders*

In DSM-5, all ten types of personality disorders are retained; however, in DSM-IV, they were placed on axis II but now they are on the same axis with all mental and other medical diagnoses.

19. *Paraphilic disorders*

New specifiers 'in a controlled environment' and 'in remission' were added to criteria for all paraphilic disorders. A distinction is made between paraphilic behaviors, or paraphilias, and paraphilic disorders. The word 'disorder' was added to all of the paraphilias. For example, pedophilia became pedophilic disorder. There is no change in the basic diagnostic structure since DSM-III-R; however, now one must meet both qualitative (criterion A) and negative consequences (criterion B) criteria to be diagnosed with a paraphilic disorder, otherwise he/she has a paraphilia (and no diagnosis).

Section III: Emerging Measures and Models

An alternative hybrid dimensional-categorical model for personality disorders is included to stimulate further research on this modified classification system. The following conditions and criteria are set forth to facilitate future research and the second conditions are not for clinical use.

Attenuated psychosis syndrome, depressive episodes with short duration hypomania; persistent complex bereavement disorder; caffeine use disorder, internet gaming disorder, neuro-behavioural disorder associated with prenatal alcohol exposure, suicidal behavioural disorder; non-suicidal self-injury.

Conclusion

Overall, it is concluded that publication of the fifth edition of DSM has completely changed the diagnostic style for different psychiatric disorders. Due to which, it has to face criticism both before and after it was formally published. Critics assert, for example, that many DSM-5 revisions or additions lack empirical support; inter-rater reliability is low for some disorders; several sections are confusing or having contradictory information; and the psychiatric

drug industry unduly influenced the manual's content. Various scientists have argued that DSM-5 forces clinicians to make distinctions that are not supported by solid evidence, distinctions that have major treatment implications, including drug prescriptions and the availability of health insurance coverage. It is worth stating here that DSM-5 is a useful revision despite being criticized as it is being used all over the world after its publication. Since it introduced a new approach for diagnosis, therefore, clinicians all over the world need some time to relate with these changes as well as they need to conduct researches on changed criteria in order to validate the criticism in light of empirical evidence.

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