

The DSM-IV Multiaxial Assessment

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Axis I

Clinical Disorders, Other Conditions That May Be a Focus of Clinical Attention

- Disorders Usually First Diagnosed in Infancy, Childhood, or Adolescence (excluding Mental Retardation, which is diagnosed on Axis II)
- Delirium, Dementia, and Amnesic and Other Cognitive Disorders
- Mental Disorders Due to a General Medical Condition
- Substance-Related Disorders
- Schizophrenia and Other Psychotic Disorders
- Mood Disorders
- Anxiety Disorders
- Somatoform Disorders
- Factitious Disorders
- Dissociative Disorders
- Sexual and Gender Identity Disorders
- Eating Disorders
- Sleep Disorders
- Impulse-Control Disorders Not Elsewhere Classified
- Adjustment Disorders
- Other Conditions That May Be a Focus of Clinical Attention

Axis II

Personality Disorders, Mental Retardation

- Paranoid Personality Disorder
- Schizoid Personality Disorder
- Schizotypal Personality Disorder
- Antisocial Personality Disorder
- Borderline Personality Disorder
- Histrionic Personality Disorder
- Narcissistic Personality Disorder
- Avoidant Personality Disorder
- Dependent Personality Disorder
- Obsessive-Compulsive Personality Disorder
- Personality Disorder Not Otherwise Specified
- Mental Retardation

Axis III

General Medical Conditions

- **Infectious and Parasitic Diseases**
- **Neoplasms**
- **Endocrine, Nutritional, and Metabolic Diseases and Immunity Disorders**
- **Diseases of the Blood and Blood-Forming Organs**
- **Diseases of the Nervous System and Sense Organs**
- **Diseases of the Circulatory System**
- **Diseases of the Respiratory System**
- **Diseases of the Digestive System**
- **Diseases of the Genitourinary System**
- **Complications of Pregnancy, Childbirth, and the Puerperium**
- **Diseases of the Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue**
- **Diseases of the Musculoskeletal System and Connective Tissue**
- **Congenital Anomalies**
- **Certain Conditions Originating in the Perinatal Period**
- **Symptoms, Signs, and Ill-Defined Conditions**
- **Injury and Poisoning**

Axis IV

Psychosocial and Environmental Problems

- **Problems with primary support group**
- **Problems related to the social environment**
- **Educational problems**
- **Occupational problems**
- **Housing problems**
- **Economic problems**
- **Problems with access to health care services**
- **Problems related to interaction with the legal system/crime**
- **Other psychosocial and environmental problems**

Axis V

Global Assessment of Functioning (GAF)

Code

91-100 - Superior functioning in a wide range of activities, life's problems never seem to get out of hand, is sought out by others because of his or her many positive qualities. No symptoms.

81-90 - Absent or minimal symptoms (e.g. mild anxiety before an exam), good functioning in all areas, interested and involved in a wide range of activities, socially effective, generally satisfied with life, no more than everyday problems or concerns (e.g., an occasional argument with family members).

71-80 - If symptoms are present, they are transient and expectable reactions to psychosocial stressors (e.g., difficulty concentrating after family argument); no more than slight impairment in social, occupational, or school functioning (e.g., temporarily falling behind in schoolwork).

61-70 - Some mild symptoms (e.g., depressed mood and mild insomnia) OR some difficulty in social, occupational, or school functioning (e.g., occasional truancy, or theft within the household), but generally functioning pretty well, has some meaningful interpersonal relationships.

51-60 - Moderate symptoms (e.g., flat affect and circumstantial speech, occasional panic attacks) OR moderate difficulty in social, occupational, or school functioning (e.g. few friends, conflicts with peers or co-workers).

41-50 - Serious symptoms (e.g., suicidal ideation, severe obsessional rituals, frequent shoplifting) OR any serious impairment in social, occupational, or school functioning (e.g., no friends, unable to keep a job).

31-40 - Some impairment in reality testing or communication (e.g., speech is at times illogical, obscure, or irrelevant) OR major impairment in several areas, such as work or school, family relations, judgment, thinking, or mood (e.g. depressed man avoids friends, neglects family, and is unable to work; child frequently beats up younger children, is defiant at home, and is failing at school).

21-30 - Behavior is considerably influenced by delusions or hallucinations OR serious impairment in communication or judgment (e.g., sometimes incoherent, acts grossly inappropriately, suicidal preoccupation) OR inability to function in almost all areas (e.g., stays in bed all day, no job, home, or friends).

11-20 - Some danger of hurting self or others (e.g., suicide attempts without clear expectation of death; frequently violent; manic excitement) OR occasionally fails to maintain minimal personal hygiene (e.g., smears feces) OR gross impairment in communication (e.g., largely incoherent or mute).

1-10 - Persistent danger of severely hurting self or others (e.g., recurrent violence) OR persistent inability to maintain minimal personal hygiene OR serious suicidal act with clear-cut expectation of death.

0 - Inadequate information.
