

Psychiatric Diagnosis - DSM-IV-TR

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- In North America, the 'bible' of abnormal psychology and psychiatry is the **Diagnostic and Statistical Manual** of the American Psychiatric Association
- Lists a set of disorders and provides detailed descriptions on what constitutes a disorder
- The diagnostic process uses five dimensions called 'axes' to ascertain symptoms and overall functioning of the individual

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DSM-IV-TR Multi-axial Diagnosis

- Axis I – Clinical syndromes
- Axis II – Permanent problems (personality/developmental disorders)
- Axis III – co-occurring medical conditions
- Axis IV – Psycho-social (environmental) stressors
- Axis V – Global Assessment of Functioning

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ICD-10

- The major international nosologic system for the classification of mental disorders (International Classification of Diseases).
- The ICD-10 has been used by World Health Organization (WHO) Member States since 1994.

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