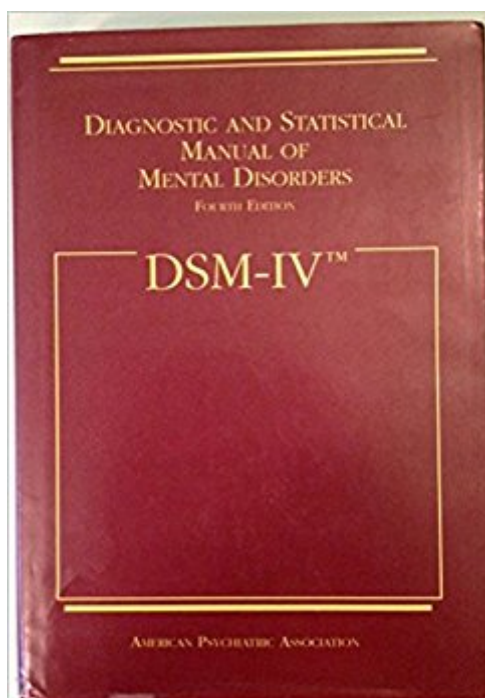


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# DSM-IV: Diagnostic And Statistical Manual Of Mental Disorders



## Synopsis

Known as "DSM-IV", the latest version of this mental health manual features a new coding system compatible with the ICD-10. Based on the results of field trials, a number of criteria sets are simplified for use in clinical settings: somatisation disorder; schizophrenia; generalised anxiety disorder; and antisocial personality disorder. The "DSM-IV" text is expanded to maximise clinical utility and educational value. Additional subsections of text are: "Associated Laboratory Findings" to note lab tests that may be relevant to a particular diagnosis; an "Age-Related Features" section, added to most disorders to note how the disorder presents differently throughout the life cycle; a "Gender-Related Features" section including presentations that vary by gender; a "Culture-Related Features" section for each disorder, to discuss how the disorder presents differently in different cultural settings; and the "DSM-IV Substance Use" section discussing each substance in great detail, describing patterns of use and substance-induced conditions.

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Imagine the price. Seriously, for a DSM Manual, though outdated by one year, the information is still relevant for the V5 only has changes to coding and not the basic material. It's a must have for nurses in the field of psychology, doctors, and for the layman who wants to understand the various psychological illness. As with all DSM's, it presents in a concise detail what to look for in an illness. It does not present a cure or counseling factor. Yet how can one understand the patient if one doesn't understand the illness. I will recommend another work, Abnormal psychology. If one buys last year's copy, for around 40.00 one can have a very decent start to a research library. To the laymen, I would

recommend it, to the student, but then before you take the course.

To make myself clear, this book is used as a reference guide. This is not a book that would typically be read from front to back cover. This is used to diagnose particular mental disorders based on several areas of criterion. I have used this book to help determine differences in mental disorders and rule out suspected disorders. Symptoms which are present in each disorder are listed.

Even as it is out of date. The radical changes in DSM-5 are more understandable if you have the background that this book provides.

I got this book so I could pass any mumbo jumbo on the subject and use as a reference. It sure did the job

The quality of this book is awful. While it was shrink-wrapped and packaged professionally, inside it was a mess. The pages have obviously been COPIED out of an actual DSM-IV-TR and they were put together carelessly. There were pages missing, pages assembled upside down, page alignment was consistently off, and ink smears/bleeds on nearly every page. The weighs about 15 pounds and the binding feels like it was done with concrete (seriously). I have no idea how this edition got so messed up, but it did. Time has expired for me to leave seller feedback (my mistake!), but be wary DSM-buyers. Hopefully there are less sub-par 5s on the market right now.

Shipping by Torgid Tomes was phenomenal, delivery expectation was Oct 4th -Oct 21, but Torgid Tomes decided that delivery estimates are for sissies and punched Father Time in the guts to prove it. I ordered it Sep 26th and received on my doorstep Sep 30th. If that's not violating the Time-Space Continuum I don't know what does. Again, excellent condition and is a godsend considering I was using the public library's only copy while entertaining the librarians in their dark kumite for usage time. With the government shutdown, not only was I able to finally get some time to heal my wounds but I'm able to study at my leisure in my own home. I did get a trophy at least. I'll finally be able correctly submit for the mental disorders I've accumulated during this traumatic time.

Needed this book for my college course. In the middle of completing my course the DSM-5 came out and I noticed there were some differences between the two. However the DSM-IV-TR worked fine, especially when it came to discussing the disorders and how they were diagnosed.

As an MSW student, I was required to buy this book; it's certainly a vital resource for a social worker who will be working in community mental health. We provide the majority of the mental and behavioral health services in this country-- not psychologists, not psychiatrists, not nurses, not nurse practitioners, not any other type of therapists. So we need to have this book! I also supplement this information with a tremendous amount of research through the University of Tennessee, so I am in a position to know that the committees got things right for the most part. My biggest point of contention when it comes to the DSM-IV-TR is that someone (who, I don't know) chose to not include complex PTSD disorders of extreme stress, not otherwise specified, as was recommended by many experts in the field (Judith Hermann among others.) Because of this, all PTSD is still lumped together in the anxiety disorders. Complex PTSD needs to be in with the dissociative disorders; all the evidence points that way. Virtually all of the diagnostic criteria for PTSD puts it in the dissociative disorders category anyway; only a limited number of the most superficial symptoms are similar to the anxiety disorders. Quite honestly, I'm not sure why it's still in there, except that some stubborn old MD's are probably still arguing for it. If PTSD can't have its own category, as it maybe should, then it likely should go in with the DD's rather than the anxiety disorders. But this is my pet peeve, clearly!

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