

PsychFormatica provides a simple medical procedures database including information about the latest DSM IV codes. PsychFormatica provides the description for each DSM IV and complete mapping to its equivalent ICD-9 & ICD-10 codes.

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DSM stands for ◆Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders◆ and is published by the American Psychiatric Association, the professional membership organization representing United States psychiatrists.◆ It is utilized by mental health professionals from a variety of disciplines and backgrounds for a wide range of purposes, including clinical, research, administrative, and educational.

The DSM is a manual that contains a listing of psychiatric disorders and their corresponding diagnostic codes.◆◆ Each disorder included in the manual is accompanied by a set of diagnostic criteria and text containing information about the disorder, such as associated features, prevalence, familial patterns, age-, culture- and gender-specific features, and differential diagnosis.◆◆ No information about treatment or presumed etiology is included.

Diagnostic criteria have been included in the DSM because their provision has been shown to increase diagnostic agreement.◆◆ It is important to understand that the appropriate use of the diagnostic criteria requires clinical training and that they cannot be simply applied in a cookbook fashion.

The primary purpose of the DSM is to facilitate communication among mental health professionals.◆ The diagnostic terms in the manual provide a convenient shorthand when communicating about patients.

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