

General Personality Trait Disorder

A personality trait disorder is a type of psychiatric disorder in which an individual has significant impairments in identity, self-direction, and interpersonal functioning. Individuals affected by this disorder may exhibit one or more of the following personality traits: negative affectivity, detachment, antagonism, psychoticism, and disinhibition or compulsivity.



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Significant Impairments

Self-Identity Impairments

Self-image in mirror-broken

A person affected by personality trait disorder may have difficulty identifying who they are as an individual or what their role is in society. These patients may also experience difficulty with independence or directing oneself.

Interpersonal Functioning Impairments

Relationship between others-broken

Patients with a personality disorder may display a lack of empathy for others, in addition to having difficulty keeping or creating intimate relationships.

One or more Personality Traits

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A person must have one or more of the following personality traits in order to be diagnosed with a personality disorder.

Negative Affectivity

Negative-face

An individual with a personality trait disorder may view the world in a negative light. These individuals may also frequently express feelings of anger, disrespect, disgust, and fear. This is referred to as negative affectivity.

Detachment

Detaching-from-reality

A person who chooses to remain emotionally uninvolved in various personal and social situations is considered to be detached. Detachment is an active decision and is not related to difficulty or inability to form emotional connections.

Antagonism

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Characteristics of antagonistic behavior include manipulation, deceitfulness, and hostility.

Disinhibition vs Compulsivity

Breaking Inhibiting-chains and Compulsive-computer

Disinhibition is characterized by risk taking, and irresponsible or impulsive behavior. Individuals with compulsive behavior; however, feel an irresistible urge to do something. Compulsive actions are typically persistent and repetitive.

Psychoticism

Psycho in a Straight-jacket

Psychoticism refers to a pattern of aggressive and hostile behavior.