Narcissistic Personality Disorder

Narcissistic personality disorder can be described as a condition in which people have an excessive sense of self-importance, lack empathy for others, and possess an extreme preoccupation with themselves causing them to seek the admiration of others. Beginning by early adulthood and present in a variety of settings, people with this personality disorder may inflate their accomplishments, get easily angered when criticized, show little interest in others’ experiences, and require excessive admiration.



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Personality Functioning

Self Functioning

Increased Self-Importance
Up-arrow Self-Importance Throne
A key feature of narcissistic personality disorder is individuals with an increased sense of self-importance. They may believe that they are special/unique and have preoccupations with fantasies of unlimited success, power, brilliance, beauty, or ideal love. Persons with narcissistic personality disorder may exploit others in order to achieve their personal desires.

Inflation of Accomplishments
Inflated Accomplishment
Persons with narcissistic personality disorder may exaggerate or inflate accomplishments and talents. They may possess improper personal standards, expecting to be recognized as superior without achievements that warrant it.

Often Angered when Criticized
Angered by Critic
Since individuals with narcissistic personality disorder have fragile self-esteem, they are often angered when criticized. They expect to consistently meet their expectations and receive positive feedback from others. Criticism leads to feelings of humiliation and dejection.

Interpersonal Functioning

Little Interest in Others' Experiences
Not Interested in Others' Experience
Persons with narcissistic personality disorder demonstrate little interest in others' experiences. They believe they are more important than others and deserve the attention. When seeking a partner, the person will choose someone who will consistently provide them with praise and who does not require much attention for themselves.

No Empathy
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Individuals with this disorder often lack empathy or are unwilling to recognize the needs or feelings of others. They are overly self-centered and have little concern for other people.

Pathological Personality Traits

Grandiosity
Grand-piano
Individuals with narcissistic personality disorder feel entitled to receive special rights and privileges. They believe that their desire is enough to justify obtaining what they want.

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Demands the Best

Demanding Beethoven

Individuals with narcissistic personality disorder believe they have the undeniable right to receive the best of what they desire. They demand the best and expect to receive what they want.

Requires Admiration of Others

Requiring Others to Admire

Persons with narcissistic personality disorder are extremely sensitive to the criticism of others. They have fragile self-esteem and experience feelings of rage and humiliation when given criticism. They expect attention and continuous positive feedback from others.

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