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# Desk Reference To The Diagnostic Criteria From DSM-5(TM)



## Synopsis

The Desk Reference to the Diagnostic Criteria From DSM-5 is a concise, affordable companion to the ultimate psychiatric reference, DSM-5. It includes the fully revised diagnostic classification, as well as all of the diagnostic criteria from DSM-5 in an easy-to-use paperback format. This handy reference provides quick access to the information essential to making a diagnosis. Designed to supplement DSM-5, this convenient guide will assist all mental health professionals as they integrate the DSM-5 diagnostic criteria into their diagnoses. The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders stands alone as the most authoritative reference available for clinical practice in the mental health field, and the structural and diagnostic changes in the fifth edition are must-know material for every clinician. The Desk Reference to the Diagnostic Criteria From DSM-5 distills the most crucial, updated diagnostic information from this volume to provide clinicians with an invaluable resource for effectively diagnosing mental disorders, ranging from the most prevalent to the least common.

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I understand everyone's frustration about it not being spiral bound. However, and I know this costs slightly more money for something that should have been thought of before it was mass produced, you can get it spiraled at a place like Office Max for less than \$10. They will slightly shave off the binding and spiral it for you, making it actually functional for it's purpose. Just thought I should share this :). Happy diagnosing!

I believe some of these DSMs under \$20 may be counterfeit. I ordered this spiral bound to get the cheaper prices listed. I guess you get what you pay for. Luckily I was able to get refund. The pages are very thin weird paper and many are crooked and not cut evenly and printing looks like a Xerox. Holes are crooked and in some cases punched thru words or codes. In my opinion definitely not a quality or standard of a book published by A.P.A. I reordered at regular price and the quality is significantly different.

I personally contacted the publisher of the DSM-V right after it came out, because they had eliminated the spiral bound desk reference. I was told that many clinicians had already complained, but that there were no plans to make a spiral bound version. I have used the DSM-IV-TR spiral desk reference daily since it came out, because I work on different rotations and need to read criteria while I'm typing (i.e. spiral book lies flat, regular paperback must be held open). This item is actually spiral bound (ISBN: 0890425639), not to be confused with the regular paperback version that will not lie flat (ISBN: 0890425566). This item is actually more similar to the older desk reference versions (e.g. DSM-III-TR) than the DSM-IV-TR desk reference which had a nicer cover, plastic coated spiral, smaller holes with more perforations, and much better quality of paper. This DSM-V spiral desk reference is made with VERY thin paper (think phonebook); in fact the top edge of some pages was already torn when I received it. Since the holes through which the spiral runs are quite large and there are fewer holes, the pages move back and forth far more than

with the DSM-IV-TR edition. I anticipate pages tearing out pretty quickly. So overall, I'm very glad that a spiral bound version of the DSM-V desk reference has finally been published, but I'm disappointed with the quality of this item.

The book is a piece of diagnostic junk, which I've written about before, as to how poorly thought out it is (e.g. PDD used to refer to Asperger's-like and now it refers to what used to be called dysthymia, so the panel apparently thought it was smart to use the same initials for 2 vastly different diagnostic categories to leave everyone confused. And NOS which was a mouthful in the past but one that people got used to now has become specified and unspecified this or that. Childhood bipolar has become some new rigamarole... It's a foregone conclusion that the panel that came up with this system lacks something in clarity of thinking, which is phrasing it politely.) I bought the spiral bound pocket book with the hope it would be easier to stay open vs. the glued version. It does lay sort of flat. But the pages don't turn thru the metal spiral that easily, and the paper is rather flimsy and easily torn. So whoever figured out those particulars lacked something in common sense too. The best news of this purchase - I got it used for a good price. But, that's also a comment about what others apparently think of the little aPa's product.

As a psychologist, I use this manual often. So far, what I like:  
\* No more multiaxial diagnosis!  
\* cheers\* I really don't think Axes III, IV, and V added much so I'm glad to see them gone.\* The Major Depressive Disorder specifier of "Anxious Distress". It seems somewhat common to see depression and anxiety co-occur, and this is a better way to diagnose depressed folks with an anxious edge.\* Adding the "Negative Thoughts/Mood" criterion to the diagnosis for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Finally an acknowledgement of the ubiquitous "It's my fault" or "I'm bad" beliefs that occur after trauma.\* Adding Binge Eating Disorder as a diagnosis, and making the Anorexia Nervosa and Bulimia Nervosa diagnoses less stringent/ more real world. It's nice not to diagnose 2/3 of eating disorder clients with the vague Eating Disorder Not Otherwise Specified. I haven't found changes I dislike yet, though as I get to know the new manual better, those may be forthcoming.

Small and convenient size but it was put together poorly. The spiral bound notebook seems to have been spiraled incorrectly and the book does not open flat. Many of the pages stick to one another and you have to pull them apart carefully, which caused tearing pages and a lot of frustration. I am not able to view some of the information because the pages are soooo smooshed together, as if they were melted together. It's a delicate process to try to get the pages apart. I've tried fixing the

spiraling and separating page from page, but I got so fed up that I stopped using it. It was easier to look online for information or use my offices PDF file. Very disappointing to have spent money on this to use it less than three months. The pages I was able to read were helpful but almost not worth the fuss.

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