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# The ICD-10 Classification Of Mental And Behavioural Disorders: Clinical Descriptions And Diagnostic Guidelines





# Synopsis

Provides clinical descriptions, diagnostic guidelines, and codes for all mental and behavioral disorders commonly encountered in clinical psychiatry. The book was developed from chapter V of the Tenth Revision of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD-10). The clinical descriptions and diagnostic guidelines were finalized after field testing by over 700 clinicians and researchers in 110 institutes in 40 countries, making this book the product of the largest ever research effort designed to improve psychiatric diagnosis. Every effort has been made to define categories whose existence is scientifically justifiable as well as clinically useful. The classification divides disorders into ten groups according to major common themes or descriptive likeness, a new feature, which makes for increased convenience of use. For each disorder, the book provides a full description of the main clinical features and all other important but less specific associated features. Diagnostic guidelines indicate the number, balance, and duration of symptoms usually required before a confident diagnosis can be made. Inclusion and exclusion criteria are also provided, together with conditions to be considered in differential diagnosis. The guidelines are worded so that a degree of flexibility is retained for diagnostic decisions in clinical work, particularly in the situation where provisional diagnosis may have to be made before the clinical picture is entirely clear or information is complete.

### **Book Information**

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If you're logged on from the U.S., well then no doubt the DSM-IV will be what you are using instead

of this text. For European and other customers, I have to heartily recommend this text for all mental health professionals. As a nurse lecturer I am consistently amazed at the number of mental health professionals who do not own or have access to this indispensible, basic tool of their trade. It is patently impossible to store all this definitive information on every mental/behavioural disorder there is (for U.S. readers the DSM-IV does this) under the sun in one's head, so get yourself a copy, yesterday!

This is NOT ICD-10CM; that means that there are Dx listed that are NOT on the CM list and therefore not codeable in the US. The descriptions are useful for the Dx we can use, but the lists are misleading since we can't use all the Dx included.

The codes that they give are different from the ICD 10, as the DSM V too. The book has some information that is useful and same as the person above I am giving it two stars, but I am returning it. I would love to buy a book that actually has the right codes for Behavioral Health.

I much prefer the 10- over the DSM. It thinks like I do in terms of diagnosis and thus, is easy to use. I like the summary list in the beginning which makes it easy to access diagnoses. Unlike the DSM-V which I have yet to understand the order. I got it a year before it was required in billing and was delighted.

Considering the in transit and intransient nature of the code at the present time, many of us see problems ahead for the organization of the materials. I appreciated the attempt to clarify and to put into print the commonalities and the challenges of the current codes and past history of the DSM and ICD development and justifications. At the same time, like others who work in this field lament the absence of women in the ranks of the experts who comment as well as the developers of the ICD and DSM.

That's exactly what I need for billing. It helps and coding book was completed very professional and orginized

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