

DSM-IV Diagnostic Criteria for Pervasive Developmental Disorder

(1) 299.00 **Autistic Disorder**

- qualitative impairment in social interaction, as manifested by at least two features
- qualitative impairments in communication as manifested by at least one feature
- restricted repetitive and stereotyped patterns of behavior, interests, and activities as manifested by at least one feature
- delays or abnormal functioning in at least one of the following areas, with onset prior to age 3 years: (1) social interaction, (2) language used in social communication, or (3) symbolic or imaginative play.

(2) 299.80 **Rett's Disorder**

- apparently normal prenatal and perinatal development, normal psychomotor development through 5 months of age, and normal head circumference at birth
- deceleration of head growth between 5 and 48 months of age, loss of previously acquired purposeful hand skills between 5 and 30 months of age with subsequent development of stereotyped hand movements (e.g., hand-wringing and hand washing), loss of social engagement, poorly coordinated gait or trunk movements, and severely impaired expressive and receptive language with retardation
- reported only in females

(2) 299.10 **Childhood Disintegrative Disorder**

- apparently normal development for at least 2 years after birth
- clinically significant loss, before 10 years of age, in at least two of the following areas: (1) expressive or receptive language; (2) social skills or adaptive behavior; (3) restricted repetitive and stereotyped patterns of behavior, interests, and activities, including motor stereotypies and mannerisms

(3) 299.80 **Asperger's Disorder**

- qualitative impairment in social interaction, as manifested by at least two features
- restricted repetitive and stereotyped patterns of behavior, interests, and activities, as manifested by at least one feature
- no clinically significant delay in language
- no clinically significant delay in cognitive development or self-help skills, adaptive behavior other than social, and curiosity about the environment in childhood

(4) 299.80 **Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified**

- severe and pervasive impairment in development of reciprocal social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication, or when stereotyped behavior, interests, and activities are present, but criteria are not met for a specific Pervasive Developmental Disorder
- includes "atypical autism", when the criteria for Autistic Disorder is not met because of late age at onset, atypical symptomatology, and/or subthreshold symptomatology.

Source: American Psychiatric Association (1994). Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (Fourth Edition). Washington, DS: APA.