

Personality Disorders

Psychology

How they are classified, and the shift toward dimensions.

The DSM cluster structure.

Cluster	Character	Includes
A	Odd, eccentric	Paranoid, schizoid, schizotypal
B	Dramatic, erratic	Antisocial, borderline, histrionic, narcissistic
C	Anxious, fearful	Avoidant, dependent, obsessive-compulsive

Educational reference. The alternative DSM-5 model is dimensional — trait severity rather than categories — reflecting sustained criticism of