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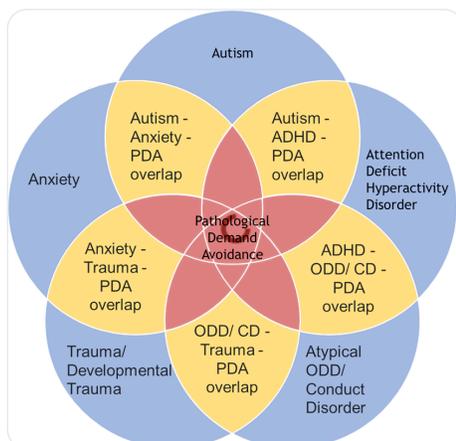
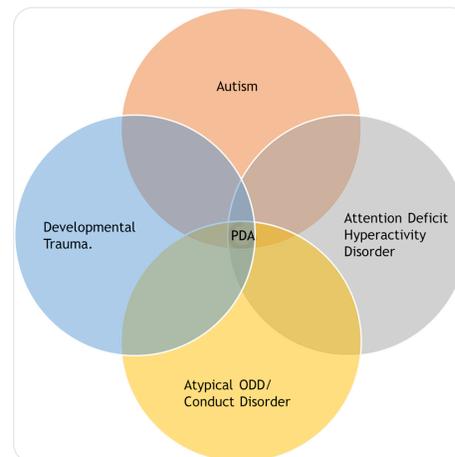
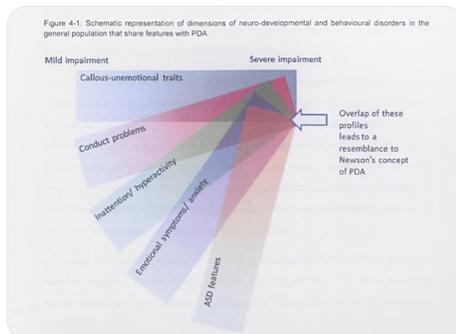
PDA & monotropism relevant.

"The utility of the Autism-Spectrum Quotient to screen for Autism Spectrum Disorder in adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder"

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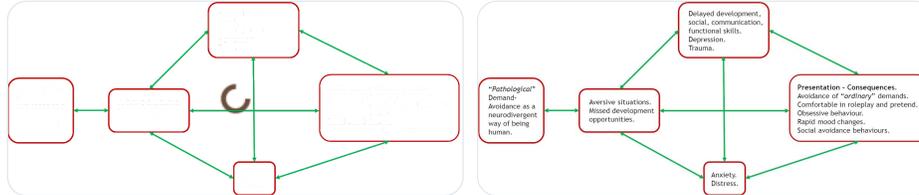
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Reason why it matters to PDA, is that PDA is often clinically described as having impulsivity features & conduct issues which overlap ADHD. Indeed results often seem to associate PDA with ADHD. PDA is often conceptualised as constructed from ADHD features.



Impulsivity & other features can impact how one presents in social interactions. Impacting social opportunities & types of social interactions a person can encounter. Thus ADHD features could explain why those with ADHD can have social communication issues including ToM deficits.

Similar process can also be happening with PDA. ADHD dx criteria is interesting as its features can present in social interactions, & still not be autism...



"“imagination” subscale of the AQ was able to discriminate those who met ASD criteria from those who did not, suggesting that targeting imagination impairments might be useful when assessing for the ADHD+ASD comorbidity in clinical settings." Abstract.

Pertinent to "PDA Profile of ASD" debate as PDA's comfortable in pretense/ roleplay is acknowledged to be problematic fitting PDA in the autism spectrum.

Now if ignores this & gives autism comfortable in roleplay & pretense it means AQ would be pretty much useless differentiating between autism/ ADHD.

This goes back to my point we should be striving to maintain integrity of autism, which has established boundaries, vs PDA.

Off the top of my head the differential for removing PDA from autism spectrum, due to its comfortable in roleplay/ pretend is mentioned in at least Christie et al 2012, O'Nions 2014a; O'Nions 2015.

This is my point "PDA Profile of ASD" seem not to care about integrity of autism.

Yet, we are meant to respect & accept their interpretations of PDA being a "Profile of ASD", e.g., see Christie's views on the topic...



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