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Dutch PDA systematic review.

Abstract seems to repeat what other independent reviews of the literature states. Not enough evidence to suggest what PDA, no consensus over what PDA is & what features are PDA...

Will post english abstract in next tweet.

<https://tvogg.be/nl/proefschriften/diagnostische-validiteit-van-het-concept-pathological-demand-avoidance-eeen-systematische-literatuurreview>

Got hold of the article. Still reading & digesting it. What I have initially seen, suggests it is relatively balanced. References 2 of my articles. Does not reference Help4Psychology research, guess it what you get for choosing to publish it in GAP which is not widely indexed...

Yet, it does reference my own 2018 GAP article. Oh, that is hilarious.

It does reference Eaton & Banting (2012) case study.



This review seems to mirror many critiques I & others have made, like calling for RCTs to investigate PDA strategies effectiveness. PDA strategies seem to be "common practice".

Generally, it is brutal.

"Finally, there is also little uniformity in the definition of the PDA population and study design, which makes comparative conclusions more difficult to draw."

"lack of research into symptom clustering means that the description of the concept of PDA still has little empirical basis and is currently mainly based is on clinical impressions of experts..."

... The high recognition factor that Newson cites as evidence of strong coherence of PDA as an entity is subject to expectation and confirmation bias"

"Given that the validity of PDA is not yet sufficiently substantiated, guidelines for clinical practice hard to pass on. There is currently no consensus on diagnosing or treating PDA."

Which then begs the question, how has PDA Society created consensus for its "clinical guidelines for PDA"? Because it is a highly partisan research report pretending to be clinical guidelines, as it ignores divergent opinion on what PDA is...

Other quotes noting problematic position of those aggressively pushing "PDA Profile of ASD".

"However, it appears that personality traits such as risk factors are more strongly associated with PDA than ASD characteristics."

"However, we see that across the studies different versions and cutoff values of the questionnaires are used, which limits uniformity in classifying the PDA concept remains (4,7,14-17,19)."

"Consequently, no clinical cutoff values could be determined. The measuring instruments should therefore be approached earlier as a screening tool."

That includes 11 revised PDA DISCO questions. O'Nions et al (2016) admits those items need further validation research.

"In the literature, the findings on the positioning of the PDA concept remain divided and remain unclear whether ASD is a necessary predisposition."

So how come when Help4Psychology reviewed literature, they miraculously decided PDA was a form of autism & could only be diagnosed in persons they suspect are autistic? Those clinicians biased much?

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Thank you in advance.

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