

ECHO IDAHO: Behavioral Health in Primary Care

Personality Disorders in Fiction 10/16/2024
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Learning Objectives

- Identify and describe characteristics of personality disorders
- Use examples from fiction and/or cinema to better illustrate characteristics



Personality Disorders (PD)

- Broken into clusters
 - Cluster A often appear odd or eccentric
 - Cluster B often appear dramatic, emotional, or erratic
 - Cluster C often appear anxious or fearful
- Frequently present with co-occurring personality disorders from different clusters.
 - 5.7% disorders in Cluster A
 - 1.5% disorders in Cluster B
 - 6.0% disorders in Cluster C
 - 9.1% for any personality disorder
- 15% of U.S. adults have at least one personality disorder





Cluster A - odd/eccentric

- Paranoid personality disorder is a pattern of distrust and suspiciousness such that others' motives are interpreted as malevolent.
- Schizoid personality disorder is a pattern of detachment from social relationships and a restricted range of emotional expression.
- Schizotypal personality disorder is a pattern of acute discomfort in close relationships, cognitive or perceptual distortions, and eccentricities of behavior.





Paranoid Personality Disorder

- "Red"
 - Marvin Boggs
- "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King"
 - Steward of Gondor Denethor
- "Raging Bull"
 - Jake Lamotta
- "Live Free or Die Hard"
 - Frederick "Warlock" Kaludis
- "The Last of Us"
 - Bill



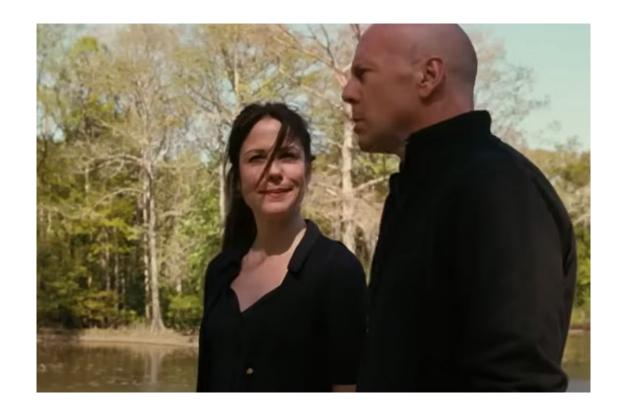




Paranoid Personality Disorder Clip

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6HXgPGZcXe4

(Red (3/11) Movie CLIP - Why Are You Trying to Kill Me?)





Schizoid personality disorder

- "Shrek"
 - Shrek
- "Dexter"
 - Dexter Morgan (without the serial killer)
- "Watchmen"
 - Rorschach







Schizoid Personality Disorder Clip

https://getyarn.io/yarn-clip/b01280aa-5e25-41a5-ae54-f48134d0dbb7

(I live alone! My swamp! Me! Nobody else!)





Schizotypal Personality Disorder

- "Harry Potter"
 - Luna Lovegood
- "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"
 - Willy Wonka
- "The Office"
 - Dwight Schrute

"Invention Is 93%
Perspiration, 6%
Electricity, 4%
Evaporation, And 2%
Butter Scotch Ripple."

Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory (1971)





Schizotypal Personality Disorder Clip

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8k2bj-R9m8E

(Introducing Luna Lovegood)





Cluster B - "dramatic"

- Antisocial personality disorder is a pattern of disregard for, and violation of, the rights of others.
- Borderline personality disorder is a pattern of instability in interpersonal relationships, self-image, and affects, and marked impulsivity.
- **Histrionic personality disorder** is a pattern of excessive emotionality and attention seeking.
- Narcissistic personality disorder is a pattern of grandiosity, need for admiration, and lack of empathy.





Antisocial Personality Disorder

- "The Dark Knight"
 - The Joker
- "Silence of the Lambs"
 - Hannibal Lecter
- "No Country for Old Men"
 - Anton Chigurh







Antisocial Personality Disorder Clip



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=opbi7d42s8E
(No Country for Old Men)



(Batman The Dark Knight Joker burning the money scene)





Borderline Personality Disorder

- "Fatal Attraction"
 - Alex Forest
- "Girl, Interrupted"
 - Susanna Kayden
- "Single White Female"
 - Hedra Carlson
- "Rushmore"
 - Max Fischer





Borderline Personality Disorder Clip



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XE Mbbtw-GME

(Rushmore - Max Fischer)



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qKuAl1Qvul8

(I Like Your Nurses Uniform Guy)



Histrionic Personality Disorder

- "Deadpool"
 - Wade Wilson
- "Mean Girls"
 - Regina George
- Harley Quinn
- "Zoolander"
 - Derek Zoolander





Histrionic Personality Disorder Clip

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1gRiHS460I
(Mean Girls Halloween Party)



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EHUT9n_ikFk

(Zoolander – funeral)





Narcissistic Personality Disorder

- "Dr. Strange"
 - Stephen Strange
- "Ironman"
 - Tony Stark
- "Avengers"
 - Loki
- "Dodgeball"
 - White Goodman







Narcissistic Personality Disorder Clip

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LWxEQWk25Ys

(The Avengers Hulken vs Loki "I am a God" Scene)





Cluster C - anxious/fearful

- Avoidant personality disorder is a pattern of social inhibition, feelings of inadequacy and hypersensitivity to negative evaluation.
- **Dependent personality disorder** is a pattern of submissive and clinging behavior related to an excessive need to be taken care of.
- Obsessive-compulsive personality disorder is a pattern of preoccupation with orderliness, perfectionism, and control.





Avoidant Personality Disorder

- "Back to the Future"
 - George McFly
 - "What if they say I'm no good?"
- "Frozen"
 - Elsa
- "Peanuts"
 - Charlie Brown







Avoidant Personality Disorder Clip

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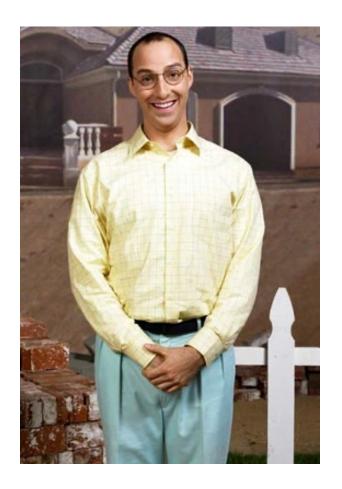
(Back to the Future)





Dependent Personality Disorder

- "What About Bob"
 - Bob Wiley
- "Harry Potter"
 - Peter Pettigrew
- "Arrested Development"
 - Buster Bluth
- "Cable Guy"
 - Chip Douglas





Dependent Personality Disorder Clip

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fztNCJy-GXI

(What about bob Gimme Gimme)





Obsessive Compulsive Personality Disorder (OCPD)

- "As Good as It Gets"
 - Melvin Udall
- "Big Bang Theory"
 - Sheldon Cooper
- "The Aviator"
 - Howard Hughes



Obsessive Compulsive Personality Disorder Clip

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l2hllvF5gJl

(The Big Bang Theory)





Key Points

- Personality Disorders are prevalent in fiction and cinema
- Knowing which characters in fiction have personality disorders can lead to better recognition and ability to recall defining characteristics

