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Good evening Jacob,

A few questions I have are:

1. How often is the DSM updated?
2. What is the difference between conducting an MSE with children and adults?
3. How do you approach a diagnosis when symptoms overlap between multiple disorders?

These are questions I think about considering I am not sure if I want to stay working with young adults for the rest of my career or transition in between to working with adults

Hello Jacob,

After watching the video the gentleman said that the individual is not their diagnosis. I agree with that statement!

>How do you work with someone who is focused on their diagnosis (being labeled/in denial) rather than focusing on helping themselves improve their mental health state?

>What steps do you initiate, so the individual accepts their diagnosis and works on their symptoms?

A couple times now, I have heard how the DSM has been critiqued for not fully capturing the diverse ways mental health issues manifest across cultures. For example, certain cultures might express depression or anxiety in physical symptoms more than emotional ones. How can I remain culturally sensitive while using the DSM to ensure that diagnoses are accurate for clients from diverse backgrounds? Are there alternative frameworks or tools you would recommend?

My second question go hand- in -hand. I've witnessed where people from different cultural backgrounds either experience or express symptoms differently. If culture influences a client's presentation of symptoms, then how can I make sure to account for that when making a diagnosis. For example, what might be seen as paranoia in one culture could be a normal protective behavior in another. I just want to make sure I am properly accounting for this when potentially diagnosing, especially with mental health disorders.

- Are there people who work on the DSM every day and make changes to it?
- Can there be malpractice when using the book?
- Do doctors have to use the book or reference it to get a reimbursement for it?

Hi everyone!

In the first few minutes of Ken's video, he mentions that the DSM-5 requires clinical training to be utilized correctly. What does this training look like? Does it require real-time practice hours? Is this clinical training a requirement by the state?

Hello Mr. Campbell, through the years the DSM has expanded tremendously since its origination. What do you think the correlation is between the DSM and multibillion dollar pharmaceutical companies if any? Also Kinter referred to others codes as the "V" Codes, can you give me an example?

Hello,

A few questions I have are when in doubt how do you determine which diagnosis is most appropriate. Is there a process to follow that will assure you that you chose the appropriate diagnostic. Is there a process to follow if you wrongly diagnosed and need to re-diagnose?

Before I saw this forum I had asked a question about the DSM in another forum but I do have the curiosity to know the answer to my question which was how are you able to distinguish which disorder you are seeing in a client when some disorders have overlapping symptoms and sound the same. Adding to this question I wonder if you see that a client has multiple symptoms that fit into more than one disorder how do you decide which fits more with the client?

The biggest question on my mind is,

- how do you decipher a diagnosis when the symptoms presented overlap in two diagnosis?
- when the presenting symptoms dictate one diagnosis, but you have a gut feeling its a different diagnosis. Is that a realistic situation? Or does is it usually pretty easy to decipher.

When diagnosing a client how does one determine if their behavior is due to mental illness or determine if life circumstances are affecting their behavior.