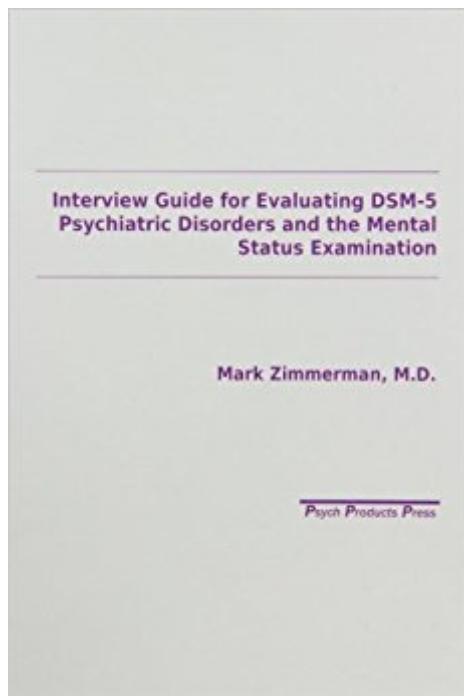


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# Interview Guide For Evaluation Of Dsm-V Disorders



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## **Customer Reviews**

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This book is essential as a student PMHNP, and for anyone wanting a quick understanding of the DSM-V characteristics of some of the more common psychiatric disorders. It doesn't replace the big purple book, but it does make it much less intimidating.

It covers what one needs to know, just like its predecessor. I use it because there are a moderate amount of times I am in a situation where there are distractions and this way I have a checklist to keep my brain in line!

This mini book is a great way to guide an interview considering the DSM-V recently was published. It also includes a MSE.

I had hoped this book would have more interview guide questions, but they are very specific to specific diagnoses and I would consider this more of a miniature (and I mean miniature) guide to the DSM-5. I suppose it's good for doctors who aren't too familiar with the new DSM. I wanted to use it

as a quick guide for diagnostic assessments, but I still lug around the big DSM-5 which gives better rule-outs. The "interview guide" doesn't help with helping you understand establishing rapport or really getting the information you want. Some example questions are way too obvious. Can't post it because I wouldn't want to infringe on any copyrights, but some questions are basically asking if you have X symptom and tell me about it. As if we didn't learn that in school (or common sense).

Very happy with this book. As a psychiatric trainee, this book offers some excellent ways to ask questions that perhaps aren't the easiest to get at. The organization follows that of the DSM, making things easy to look up. I don't think this is the kind of text you should whip out in the middle of an interview, but if you find yourself wondering how to ask questions about less straightforward symptoms or want a concise guide for getting these questions, this is the text for you.

This is the best book for training therapists. We purchased several copies as parting gifts for our MSW interns. I used it all year in training and supervision and wanted them to have it as they continue in their career development. Helpful for differential diagnosis and assessment. Interns really seemed to appreciate it and I am sure they will get put to good use.

I'm just finishing up my third year of doctoral training in a clinical psychology program. I have been working at a university counseling center and since we also do disability accommodations, I found myself occasionally in a position of needing to do very quick, provisional diagnoses. My last clinical supervisor recommended the previous version of this book (DSM-IV-TR) for me because it was on her shelf, but she told me she was certain they'd made a DSM-5 version. I used it and it's absolutely fantastic for what I need to do, so I ordered the DSM-5 version. I haven't used the MSE stuff yet and don't need to at this particular site, but in any case where it's necessary to go through the diagnostic criteria of DSM-5 diagnoses and write up provisional diagnoses, this is perfect. **PROS:** The questions aren't super leading, can be adapted based on your clinical judgment, and using a book like this can sometimes be non-stigmatizing and collaborative which can be good for rapport. Rather than being an opaque "expert" who is judging every little thing a client does or says and coming to conclusions using a process that the client can't really access, you can sit down with them and go through the diagnostic criteria one by one and see what they say to each. You can adapt the level of opaqueness based on client needs and personality. Obviously there are limitations to the interview questions in the book, but I feel that clinicians would be well aware of this. Just to be thorough, first, this is probably best for provisional diagnoses - if I'm in a clinical relationship for longer than a

session or two, I'm going to want to confirm, test, re-test, do rule-outs, do differential stuff, etc. Secondly, you're not going to be able to diagnose personality disorders with this (or really anything formerly Axis II, or requiring a specialist to diagnose), nor should you. Again, a clinician should know this so I don't think anyone interested in this book will have a major problem with that. Third, you need to use your clinical judgment when diagnosing, e.g., consider other evidence, use assessment data, consider secondary gains. You also need to use clinical judgment with the wording of the questions. Once again, clinicians with functioning brains know this so I'm preaching to the choir here. But the point is, don't become overly reliant on the book and know the major diagnoses and symptoms before going into it and you'll be fine. Fourth, if for some reason you're not a clinician and you want to get this book to "diagnose" yourself or your friends for funsies, you really shouldn't. Given the limitations I've mentioned above, a book like this only makes sense in the hands of a skilled and knowledgeable clinician who can use the information gathered as part of a holistic diagnostic process. If you feel like you have a mental health diagnosis that is functionally impairing your life, seek help from a professional. In short, if you are a good clinician (counselor, psychologist, psychiatrist) and know the limitations of the book, it becomes a remarkable tool in your hands. Slips easily into a briefcase or pocket, crazy cheap considering how expensive books are, and invaluable for thoroughly reviewing diagnostic criteria and providing ways to position questions to clients if you're worried about stigmatizing or offending them.

I have a personal medical library with hundreds of titles, including several dozen pocket guides on a number of topics. This is the best such short guide I have yet encountered. It's about a centimeter thick, weighs nothing, and fits easily in the lab coat, and yet contains not only all the complete diagnostic information I need, but structures it in the form of easily usable questions, as well as "how-to" information, an overview of the MSE, the MMSE, and a good short guide to taking psych histories. The reviewer who says that it cites Wikipedia is dead wrong. It does not. All the references are to highly reputable sources.

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