

Guidelines for diagnosing ADHD

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A. The ADHD patient shall have abnormalities for either Category 1 or 2 as follows:

Category 1. Inattention

- 1. Six (or more) of the symptoms of inattention that have persisted for at least six months to a degree that is maladaptive and inconsistent with developmental level:**

Category 2 is hyperactivity/ Impulsivity

- 2. Six (or more) of the of hyperactivity-impulsivity have persisted for at least six months to a degree that is maladaptive and inconsistent with developmental level:**

B. Some hyperactive-impulsive or inattentive symptoms that caused impairment were present before age seven.

C. Some impairment from the symptoms is present in two or more settings (e.g., at school [or work] and at home).

D. There must be clear evidence of clinically significant impairment in social, academic or occupational functioning.

E. The symptoms do not occur exclusively during the course of a pervasive developmental disorder, schizophrenia or other psychotic disorder and are not better accounted for by another mental disorder (e.g., mood disorder, anxiety disorder, dissociative disorder or a personality disorder).

Computerized testing for concentration – attention are valuable.