DSM-5 DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA FOR ADHD

Must meet criteria for Inattention, Hyperactivity/Impulsivity, or Both

1. **Inattention**

   17 and younger: Six or more of these symptoms must be present for at least 6 months, be inconsistent with the child's developmental level, and have a negative effect on their social and academic activities. To be endorsed, the following must occur "often":
   a. Fails to pay close attention to details
   b. Has trouble sustaining attention
   c. Doesn't seem to listen when spoken to directly
   d. Fails to follow through on instructions and fails to finish schoolwork or chores
   e. Has trouble getting organized
   f. Avoids or dislikes doing things that require sustained focus/thinking
   g. Loses things frequently
   h. Easily distracted by other things
   i. Forgets things

2. **Hyperactivity and Impulsivity**

   Six or more of these symptoms must be present for at least 6 months, be inconsistent with the child's developmental level, and have a negative effect on their social and academic activities. To be endorsed, the following must occur "often":
   a. Fidgets with hands/feet or squirms in chair
   b. Frequently leaves chair when seating is expected
   c. Runs or climbs excessively
   d. Trouble playing/engaging in activities quietly
   e. Acts "on the go" and as if "driven by a motor"
   f. Talks excessively
   g. Blurts out answers before questions are completed
   h. Trouble waiting or taking turns
   i. Interrupts or intrudes on what others are doing

**ADHD Predominantly Inattentive Presentation (ADHD-PI)**
**ADHD Predominantly Hyperactive-Impulsive Presentation (ADHD-PHI)**
**ADHD Combined Presentation (Inattentive & Hyperactive-Impulsive) (ADHD-C)**

Specify if:
- **Mild**: Six or only slightly more symptoms are endorsed and impairment in social or school functioning is minor
- **Moderate**: Symptoms or impairment is between mild and severe
- **Severe**: (Many symptoms are above required 6 are endorsed and/or symptoms are severe; impairment in social or school functioning is severe)

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