

Table. Comparison of DSM-5 and ICD-10 diagnostic criteria for ADHD

| | DSM-5 | ICD-10 |
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| Name | ADHD | Hyperkinetic disorder |
| Onset | Some symptoms before age 12 | Some symptoms before age 6 |
| Symptom criteria for children | <p>ADHD combined: 6 of 9 symptoms of inattention and 6 of 9 symptoms of hyperactivity/impulsivity</p> <p>ADHD predominantly inattentive: 6 of 9 symptoms of inattention</p> <p>ADHD predominantly hyperactive/impulsive: 6 of 9 symptoms of hyperactivity/impulsivity</p> | <p>Must have a combination of impaired attention AND hyperactivity</p> <p>The only subtype is hyperkinetic conduct disorder for those who meet criteria for both disorders</p> |
| Symptom criteria for persons aged >_ 17 | <p>ADHD combined: 5 of 9 symptoms of inattention and 5 of 9 symptoms of hyperactivity/impulsivity</p> <p>ADHD predominantly inattentive: 5 of 9 symptoms of inattention</p> <p>ADHD predominantly hyperactive/impulsive: 5 of 9 symptoms of hyperactivity/impulsivity</p> | <p>Must have a combination of impaired attention and hyperactivity</p> |
| Settings | Several symptoms present in ≥ 2 settings | Full syndrome in ≥ 2 settings and observed by clinician |
| Duration | ≥ 6 months | ≥ 6 months |
| Impairment | Interference with social, academic, or occupational functioning; includes severity specifiers: mild, moderate, severe | Clinically significant distress or impairment in social, academic, or occupational functioning. |

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