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Abstract

This study is an investigation into the psychosocial themes present in the DSM-IV diagnosis of adolescents diagnosed with a comorbid Disruptive Behavior and Mood Disorder. These themes are viewed from a psychosocial theoretical perspective. The study focuses on answering four questions.

- Firstly, what are the psychosocial themes present in the diagnosis of adolescents diagnosed with a comorbid Disruptive Behavior and Mood Disorder?
- Secondly, how does these themes impact the adolescents psychosocial development?
- Thirdly, what role does these themes play as causative factors of Disruptive Behavior and Mood Disorder symptoms in adolescence?
- and lastly does these themes represent interactional processes reinforcing a reciprocal pattern of behavior and mood disorder symptoms?

These questions are all viewed taking the psychosocial development of the adolescent into account.

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