

PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTORS AFFECTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Specialty: Health Psychology

“ . . .the presence of one or more specific psychological or behavioral factors that adversely affect a general medical condition.” DSM-IV

Influence the course of the general medical condition

Interfere with treatment of the general medical condition

Exacerbating symptoms of a general medical condition

Eliciting stress-related physiological responses resulting in chest pains with coronary artery disease or bronchospasm in individuals with asthma

HOW DO PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTORS DO THIS?

1. Specific Mental Disorder Affecting a Medical condition
Depression, Panic Attacks,
2. Psychological Symptoms Affecting. . . .
3. Personality Traits or Coping Style Affecting. . . .
4. Maladaptive Health Behaviors Affecting. . . .
5. Stress Related Physiological Response Affecting. . . .
6. Other or Unspecified Factors Affecting. . . .

FACTITIOUS DISORDERS (Munchausen Syndrome)