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# Histrionic Personality Disorder

## M2 Psychiatry Sequence

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# Cluster B Personality Disorders

## Histrionic Personality Disorder

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- “A pattern of excessive emotionality and attention seeking.” (DSM-IV)
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# Histrionic Personality Disorder

## Diagnostic Criteria for Histrionic Personality Disorder (DSM-IV)

*A pervasive pattern of excessive emotionality and attention seeking, beginning by early adulthood and present in a variety of contexts, as indicated by five (or more) of the following:*

- (1) is uncomfortable in situations in which he or she is not the center of attention*
- (2) interaction with others is often characterized by inappropriate sexually seductive or provocative behavior*
- (3) displays rapidly shifting and shallow expression of emotions*
- (4) consistently uses physical appearance to draw attention to self*
- (5) has a style of speech that is excessively impressionistic and lacking in detail*
- (6) shows self-dramatization, theatricality, and exaggerated expression of emotion*
- (7) is suggestible, i.e., easily influenced by others or circumstances*
- (8) considers relationships to be more intimate than they actually are*



# Histrionic Personality Disorder

## Clinical Vignettes



# Histrionic Personality Disorder

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- Prevalence: 2-3% of population
  - Sex ratio: F>M
  - Comorbidity: Somatization and conversion disorders, depression, anxiety
  - Family: Cluster B disorders
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# Histrionic Personality Disorder

## Treatment

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- Psychotherapy - Dynamic therapy is the treatment of choice
  - Medication - Antidepressants and anxiolytics may help comorbid depression and anxiety
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# Histrionic Personality Disorder

## Physician-patient Interaction

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- Overly dependent or seductive behavior is common
- A dramatic presentation may obscure the differences between major and minor physical problems
- Rapid fluctuation between overwhelming anxiety about a medical problem and total indifference is common.



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