Schizoid personality disorder: A synthesis of developmental, dynamic, and descriptive features

Suspiciousness, feeling persecuted, and grandiosity constitute the classical triad associated with paranoid personality. However, a more important feature appears to be the discrepancy between the outer persona and the inner world of such individuals. The split is pervasive... This article brings the scattered literature on narcissistic personality disorder together and synthesizes its various descriptive aspects into a multifaceted profile of the condition. Schizoid personality disorder: a synthesis of developmental, dynamic, and descriptive features. MedLine Citation Abstract/OtherAbstract: Various views of schizoid personality disorder in descriptive psychiatry, psychoanalysis, DSM-III and DSM-III-R are reviewed and synthesized to develop a composite picture of the syndrome. The disorder is seen as consisting of characteristic deficits in six areas of psychosocial functioning: (1) self-concept, (2) interpersonal relations, (3) social adaptation, (4) ethics, standards and ideals, (5) love and sexuality, and (6) cognitive style. The paper also identifies guidelines for distinguishing the schizoid personality from other personality disorders as well as areas needing continued research. Authors: S Akhtar.