

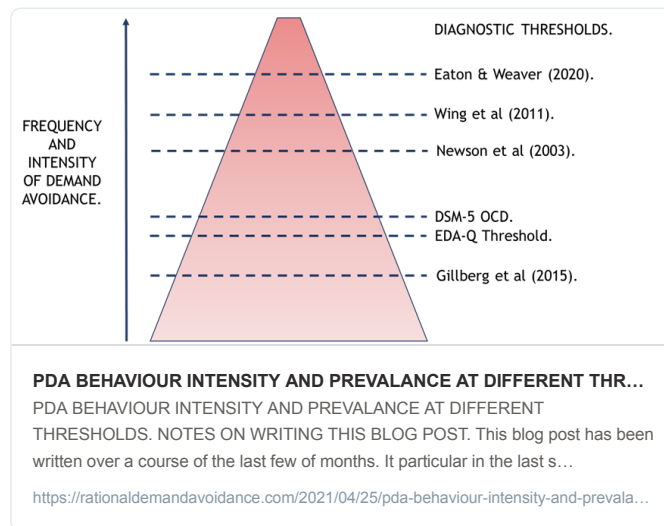


**Richard Woods** @Richard\_Autism

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[@earlybirdword](#) [@Sarahmarieob](#) It depends on what you are after, first point is there no consensus over what PDA is, what features are associated with it, or how to approach it. For instance there are different diagnostic thresholds in print:



[@earlybirdword](#) [@Sarahmarieob](#) Some view PDA to be a form of autism, like:

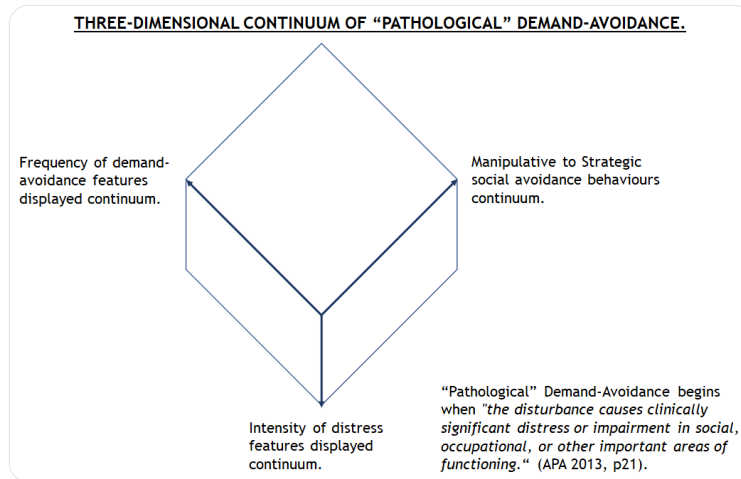


**Identifying features of 'pathological demand...**

European Child & Adolescent Psychiatry - The term 'pathological demand avoidance' (PDA) was coined by Elizabeth Newson to describe children within the autism spectrum who exhibit...

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s00787-015-0740-2>

@earlybirdword @Sarahmarieob Some view PDA to be a common mental disorder.



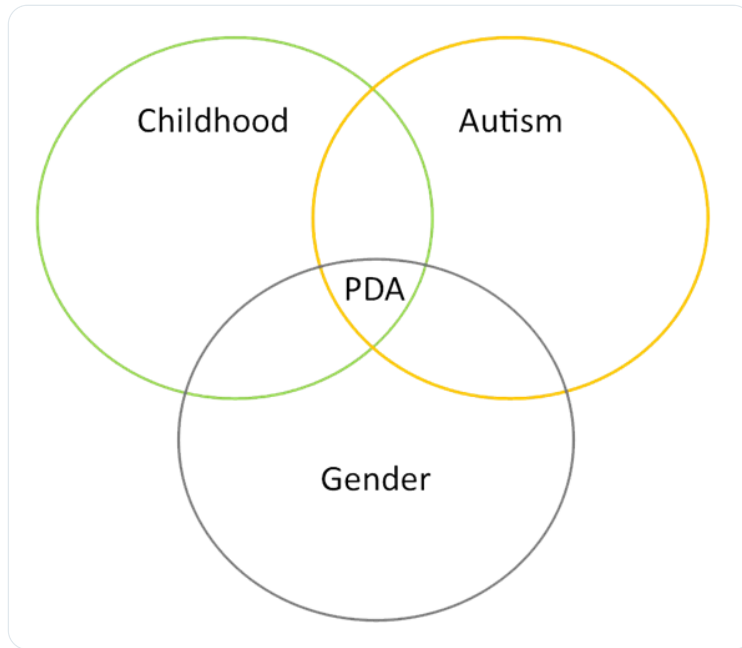
@earlybirdword @Sarahmarieob Some view PDA to be rebranded autism, and to be pathologising other features of autistic persons, not covered in an autism diagnosis. Image is by @Allison66746425



**Pathological demand avoidance: What and who are being pathologise...**

The term 'pathological demand avoidance' was first coined in 1983. In recent years, diagnostic tools have emerged to enable practitioners to identify, name and ...

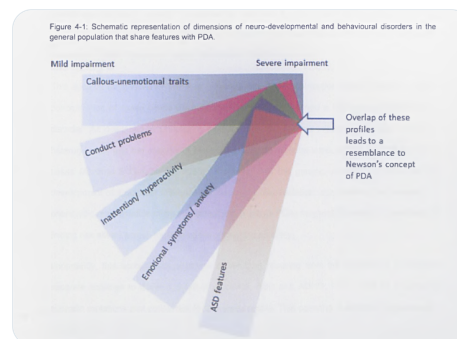
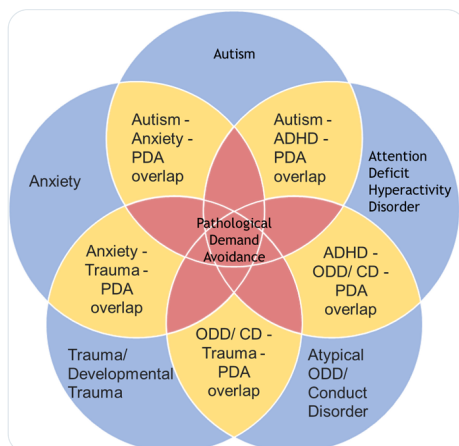
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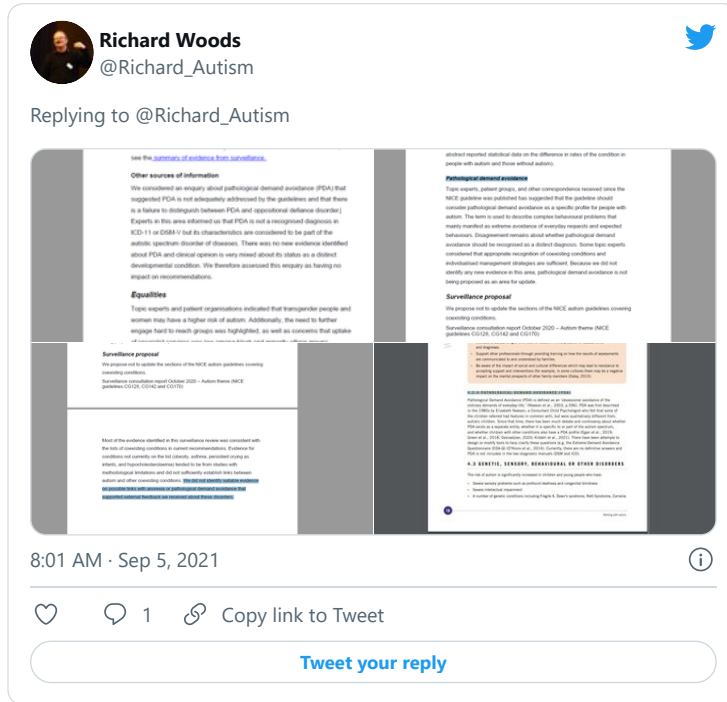
**Pathological Demand Avoidance: symptoms but not a syndrome**  
 Pathological (or extreme) demand avoidance is a term sometimes applied to complex behaviours in children within—or beyond—autism spectrum disorder. The use of pathological demand avoidance as a diagn...

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanchi/article/PIIS2352-4642\(18\)30044-0/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanchi/article/PIIS2352-4642(18)30044-0/fulltext)

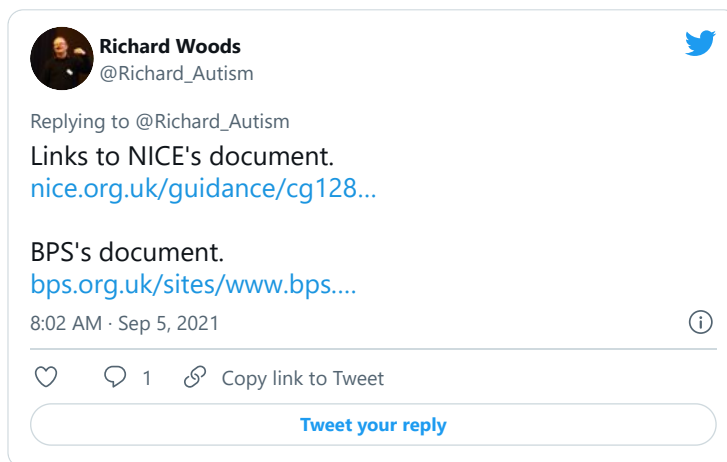


[@earlybirdword](#) [@Sarahmarieob](#) [@Allison66746425](#) It must be said that independent reputable parties like NICE/ BPS have taken a neutral position on PDA, treating divergent opinions equally on the topic, i.e., they do NOT intrinsically view PDA as an ASD.

[@earlybirdword](#) [@Sarahmarieob](#) [@Allison66746425](#) Screenshots of NICE/ BPS position.



[@earlybirdword](#) [@Sarahmarieob](#) [@Allison66746425](#) Links to their recent documents with said positions on PDA.



[@earlybirdword](#) [@Sarahmarieob](#) [@Allison66746425](#) Link to recent systematic review, which also did NOT assume PDA is a form of autism. Generally highly critical of it PDA research.



**Pathological demand avoidance in children and adolescents: A syste...**

Requests for pathological demand avoidance diagnoses have increased over recent years but pathological demand avoidance remains a controversial issue. We undert...

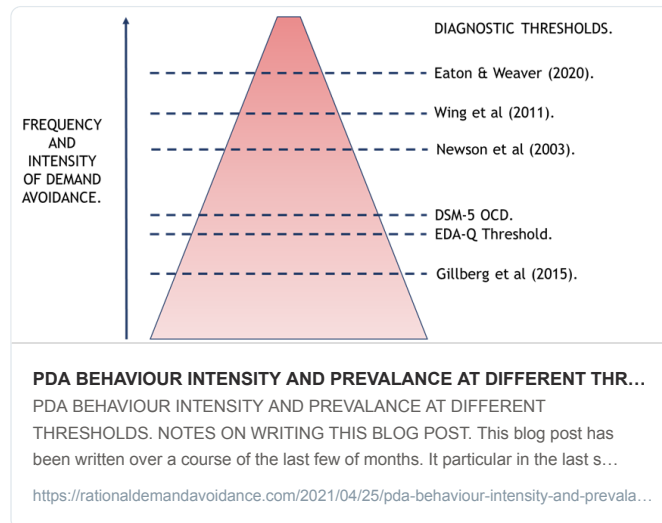
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/13623613211034382>

[@earlybirdword](#) [@Sarahmarieob](#) [@Allison66746425](#) I have a short introduction piece to PDA here:

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/354386742\\_Pathological\\_demand\\_avoidance\\_PDA\\_Its\\_four\\_schools\\_of\\_thought](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/354386742_Pathological_demand_avoidance_PDA_Its_four_schools_of_thought)

[@earlybirdword](#) [@Sarahmarieob](#) [@Allison66746425](#) About long term explanations for PDA.

I briefly discuss PDA as a form of OCD & related disorders here:



I have a more depth piece on the topic under review.

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[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/332727790\\_An\\_Updated\\_Interest\\_Based\\_Account\\_Monotropism\\_theory\\_a\\_Demand\\_Avoidance\\_Phenomenon\\_discussion](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/332727790_An_Updated_Interest_Based_Account_Monotropism_theory_a_Demand_Avoidance_Phenomenon_discussion)

[@earlybirdword](#) [@Sarahmarieob](#) [@Allison66746425](#) I hope it helps.

[@threadreaderapp](#) If you could please unroll?

Thank you in advance.