

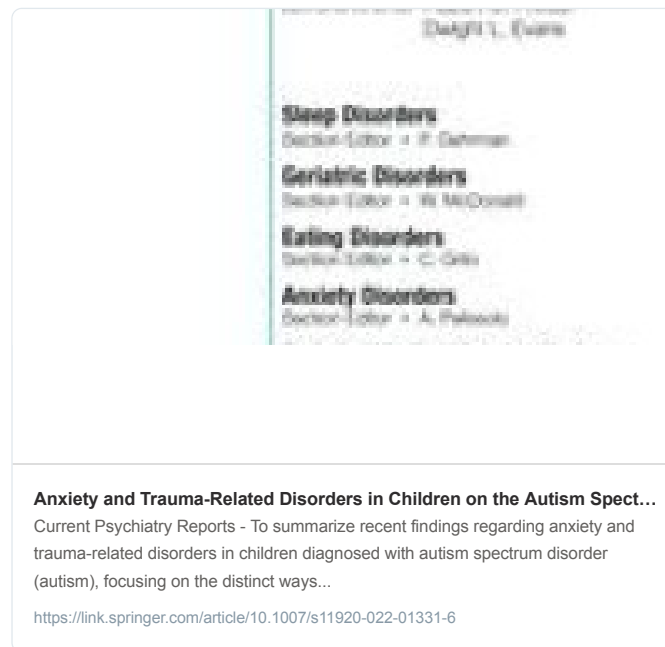


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"Anxiety and Trauma-Related Disorders in Children on the Autism Spectrum"

Open access article



Seems relevant to PDA.

It points out anxiety is not part of the autism spectrum, & that anxiety related features can appear differently in autistic persons vs non-autistic persons (which is already in PDA literature).

It also points out anxiety related features can also present like autistic traits (unsure if authors view autistic traits same as autism or not). This point supports my concerns about "PDA Profile of ASD" supporters mistakenly viewing PDA as a form of autism...

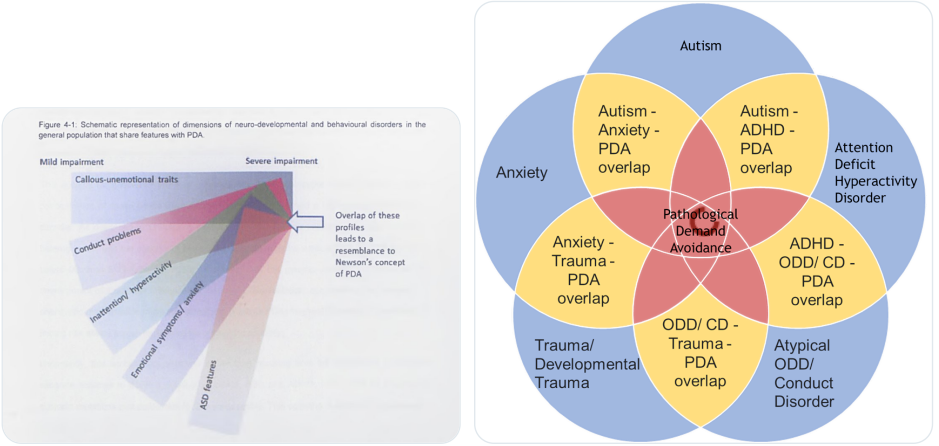
... It is likely numbers of autistic persons with PDA is over reported. Partly due to PDA features interacting atypically with autism/ autistic traits tools. Partly due to "PDA Profile of ASD" supporters erroneously viewing PDA to be part of the autism spectrum...

... We cannot be those being reported as autistic with PDA are autistic due to meeting accepted understandings of autism, or because some clinicians/ researchers view PDA to be a "Profile of ASD..."

... It shows some of the issues with assuming PDA is a "Profile of ASD" due to PDA behaviours. Which is also nonsense, as most of PDA's behaviours/ features are actually associated with non-autism constructs!

Examples of how PDA can be conceptualised as features relating to accepted constructs.

First is O'Nions (2013, p93), second is Woods (2021, p12)

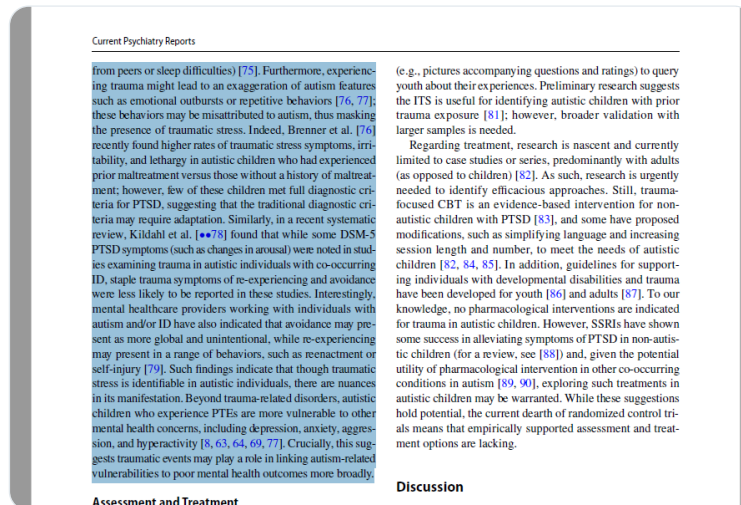


Images of where anxiety & avoidance is discussed in the article.
p2.

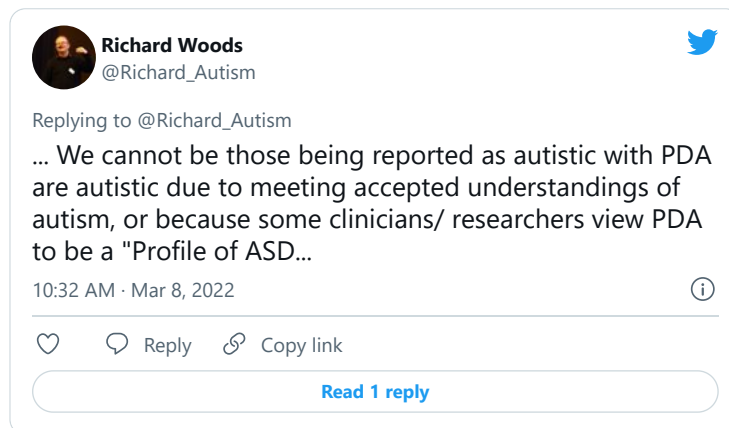


The article does go onto discuss possible relations between autism and anxiety, how better theories are needed etc.

Also an image of article discussing trauma, autism, with a couple of mentions on avoidance, image of p5.



The point of this, is that we partly cannot be sure if all persons reported in PDA literature are autistic, to actually meeting accepted understandings of autism, or because some mistakenly attribute PDA features to the autism spectrum.



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Thank you in advance.

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