

DSM Questions

Dictionary of Disorder by Alix Spiegel

1. What was Robert Spitzer's role in the development of the DSM III?
2. Why is the reliability of diagnoses considered to be so important? Can diagnoses be valid without being reliable? Explain.
3. What were the major obstacles to reliability in diagnoses that the creators of DSM III set out to solve?
4. Why was the term "neurosis" so controversial?
5. What is the evidence that the "reliability problem" has been solved with DSM III, DSM III-R, and DSM IV?