The American Psychiatric Association invites proposals for changes to the *Diagnostic & Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th edition (DSM-5)*. Changes will be made on a rolling basis, as warranted by advances in the science of mental disorders. This approach differs from the previous mechanism for making changes to the *DSM*, which was to revise the manual in its entirety at variable intervals. Although the older approach had the advantage of facilitating standardized communication among users of the classification, it slowed the incorporation of new scientific knowledge into the manual as it emerged.

Anyone can initiate the process for consideration of a proposal for changes to the *DSM* via the *DSM-5* website ([https://www.psychiatry.org/psychiatrists/practice/dsm](https://www.psychiatry.org/psychiatrists/practice/dsm)). Proposed changes may include changes to an existing diagnostic criteria set, addition of a new diagnostic category or specifier, deletion of an existing diagnostic category or specifier, or corrections and clarifications of the existing document. Proposals require the submission of supporting information in a structured format, including the details of the proposed change, reasons for the change, the magnitude of change, data documenting improved validity across a range of validators, evidence of reliability and clinical utility, and consideration of potential deleterious consequences associated with the proposed change. Explicit criteria regarding the type of evidence that is expected to be submitted are available on the website, which also provides an opportunity to upload supporting data.

The revision process is overseen by a Steering Committee of experts in psychiatric nosology, research, and practice. The process is also summarized on the website. Five standing Review Committees work with the Steering Committee to review proposals, consider the supporting evidence, and undertake literature reviews and expert consultations as needed. Steering and Review Committee members have been vetted for conflicts of interest using the same standards as for *DSM-5*. Proposals that are determined to have sufficient supporting evidence will be posted for public comment. The Steering Committee’s recommendations, along with a summary of public comments, will be forwarded to the APA Board of Trustees for final approval.

Questions about the revision process can be directed to:

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