

Antisocial Personality Disorder

There is no way to prevent antisocial personality disorder. This disorder consists of behavior in which people disregard and violate the rights of others around them. This personality disorder expresses a behavior that is extremely disturbing to all who observe it.

The symptoms of antisocial personality disorder can vary in severity. There has been much debate in identifying this complex illness. Some professionals describe people with this illness as stone cold to the rights of others. Consequences of this disorder can include drug abuse and alcoholism. These people may seem charming on the surface, but express irritability and aggressiveness, as well as being irresponsible. Due to the manipulation that these people demonstrate, it is difficult to tell whether they are lying or telling the truth.

The diagnosis of APD is not shown in individuals under the age of 18 but is given only if there is a history of horrible behavior before the age of 15. Antisocial Personality Disorder is seen in men and women who abuse alcohol or drugs. Symptoms of Antisocial Personality include the following.

1. Conduct disorder
2. Lack of stability in a job and home life
3. Lack of remorse
4. Irresponsibility
5. Deceitfulness
6. Impulsivity

Psychological evaluation will confirm the diagnosis, and professionals claim that other disorders should be ruled out first, as this is a serious diagnosis. The evaluation is a complicated one and should be performed by a professional familiar with this illness. A qualified mental health professional first should look for alcohol and drug abuse with their patient. If they co-exist, treatment can be more complicated.

The exact causes of this disorder are unknown, both the patients' environment and genetic make-up may be a significant factor in identifying APD. Statistics show that 3 percent of men and about 1 percent of women have this illness.

Antisocial personality disorder is one of the most difficult illnesses to treat, and one may have to be forced by the courts to receive treatment. According to many health professionals, people with this disorder will not surrender to the illness and attempt to reject treatment.

Why? Maybe because they think that they are normal or are afraid to find out if they are ill and need help.

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