

633 Conduct Disorders

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In case 1, Shane is exhibiting symptoms of conduct disorder. Shane has been aggressive to people and animals. Shane has been involved in serious violations of rules/laws. He has destroyed property by setting fire to a barn and poured cement into his teachers' gas tank. Shane broke into a warehouse and stole tools. Shane stole jewelry from a jewelry store, and he stole electronics from Walmart. While his mother reported this to the diagnostician, Shane began yelling at his mother to shut up. She states that Shane has disappeared for days at a time, and she is unable to verify his whereabouts. She states that he has been lying about not doing his homework when he was age 11. Shane admitted to tying a can to his neighbor's cat which led to its death. Shane discussed an argument with a schoolmate where Shane threatened to punch him. Shane states that the schoolmate said Shane does not show emotion. Shane exhibits Adolescent-onset type, moderate, with limited prosocial emotions such as lack of empathy or remorse, lack of concern for his performance and does not show emotions.

In case 2, the female client is displaying symptoms of Oppositional Defiance Disorder. She is angry and irritable. She is not cooperative in answering the practitioner's questions. She is argumentative and refuses to comply with requests of authority figures. She is insulting and deliberately tries to annoy others. She told her school counselor that she was fat. Throughout the interview, she rolled her eyes and spoke in a resentful tone. She insulted his artwork and stated, "screw the rule or law." Defiant. Insults. Clueless of emotions. She displayed spiteful vindictiveness by posting on Facebook about a classmate that has an illegitimate child. She was very disrespectful to him and after each question she would hatefully answer curtly and say, "next question".

In case 3, Kate is displaying symptoms of Intermittent Explosive Disorder as she seems unable to resist angry impulses resulting in explosions of rage which are unreasonable for the situation. She displays anger and irritability from the beginning. She often, quickly lost her temper and began yelling at her mother. She is easily annoyed and is argumentative with her mother. She made the statement that she does not have to follow what others tell her to do and she refuses to follow her mother's instructions. She had temper tantrums at the age of 4-5 years old. During the assessment, her mother tried to take her water bottle away and she snatched it back, grabbed her mother's hand and tossed her hand away. She lost her temper and kicked her pets. Her mother reports that she has these temper tantrums weekly.