



Welcome to the May 2013 edition of our Human Sexuality Newsletter covering current news we hope you'll find interesting, including Part 1 of our coverage of DSM-5. We also invite you to take a look at our recent titles featured below. And please be sure to subscribe so you receive future issues of this newsletter!

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DSM-5 “Watch List” Coverage (Part 1)

DSM-5 Self-Exam: Sexual Dysfunction, Gender Dysphoria, Self-Control Disorders

This column includes questions concerning sexual dysfunctions, gender dysphoria, and disruptive, impulse-control, and conduct disorders. A number of changes are scheduled to occur.
– [read article from *GID Reform*](#)

Sexual Fetishes Spur Psychiatric Manual Controversy

Should a sexual fixation on shoes or a predilection for pain land you in the psychiatrist's bible of diagnoses? Plenty of kinksters say no, but psychiatrists say yes--for now.
– [read article from *LiveScience*](#)

Sex Addiction Beyond the DSM-5

How the APA's decision affects therapists who actually treat sex addiction. Hypersexual Behavior Disorder will not be in the Fifth Edition of the Diagnostic Statistical Manual for Psychiatric Disorders (DSM-V). Opinions about this decision by the American Psychiatric Association (APA) vary among mental health professionals.
– [read article from *Psychology Today*](#)

An Update on Gender Diagnoses and Gender Dysphoria

The most controversial DSM revision in more than three decades, the DSM-5 has drawn strong concerns, ranging from overdiagnosis and overmedication of ordinary everyday behaviors to poor diagnostic reliability in field trials. The transgender-specific categories of Gender Identity Disorder (GID) and Transvestic Fetishism (TF) have been especially contentious.

– read [Gender Diagnoses](#) and [Gender Dysphoria](#) articles from *GID Reform*.

(Stay tuned for PART TWO of this special DSM-5 coverage coming later this month!)

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BEYOND THE DSM-5

Study: Porn May Not Be Such a Bad Influence on Sexual Behavior

Studies have linked porn consumption to sexual aggression, problems with intimate relationships and losing one's virginity at an earlier age. But the influence of sexually explicit material on some risky behaviors may be more modest than previously thought.

– [read article from TIME](#)

Youth: Straight, LBGT or 'other'?

A survey shows youths are more likely to identify as LBGT. The numbers may reflect a generational change in social acceptance, experts say.

– [read article from CNN](#)

Study Ties Autism Risk to Creases in Placenta

A study suggests that in families at high genetic risk of having a child on the autism spectrum, placentas were significantly more likely to have abnormal folds and creases.

– [read article from the New York Times](#)

Family Doctors Consider Dropping Birth Control Training Rule

One of the more popular provisions of the federal health law requires that women be given much freer access to prescription methods of birth control. That includes not only the pill, but implants and IUDs as well. But what happens if there are not enough doctors to prescribe those contraceptives?

– [read article from NPR](#)

When Your Parents Disapprove of Your Partner

It's a problem that is probably as old as time. Adult children don't always choose the mate their parents want for them.

– [read article from PsychCentral](#)

Transgender Today

Throughout history, transgender people have been misunderstood and seldom studied. That's beginning to change.

– [read article from the APA Monitor](#)

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