

Table 1

Diagnostic criteria for pedophilia, from DSM-III to those proposed for DSM-5

DSM-III (1980)

A. The act or fantasy of engaging in sexual activity with pre-pubertal children is a repeatedly preferred or exclusive method of achieving sexual excitement

DSM-III-R (1987)

A. Over a period of at least 6 months, recurrent intense sexual urges and sexually arousing fantasies involving sexual activity with a prepubescent child or children (generally age 13 or younger)

B. The person has acted on these urges, or is markedly distressed by them

DSM-IV (1994)

A. Over a period of at least 6 months, recurrent, intense sexually arousing fantasies, sexual urges, or behaviors involving sexual activity with a prepubescent child or children (generally age 13 years or younger)

B. The fantasies, sexual urges, or behaviors cause clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning

DSM-IV-TR (2000)

A. Over a period of at least 6 months, recurrent, intense sexually arousing fantasies, sexual urges, or behaviors involving sexual activity with a prepubescent child or children (generally age 13 years or younger)

B. The person has acted on these sexual urges, or the sexual urges or fantasies cause marked distress or interpersonal difficulty

Proposed for DSM-5 (APA, 2011)

A. Over a period of at least 6 months, recurrent and intense sexual arousal from prepubescent or early pubescent children, as manifested by fantasies, urges, behaviors, or extensive use of pornography depicting children of this age

B. The person has acted on these sexual urges, or the sexual urges or fantasies cause marked distress or impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning