

Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD) - Diagnostic Criteria 315.40

The following criteria are necessary for a diagnosis of DCD to be given:

A. Performance in daily activities that require motor coordination is substantially below that expected, given the person's chronological age and measured intelligence. This may be manifested by:

- marked delays in achieving motor milestones (e.g., walking, crawling, sitting)
- dropping things
- clumsiness
- poor performance in sports
- poor handwriting.

B. The disturbance in Criterion A significantly interferes with academic achievement or activities of daily living.

C. The disturbance is not due to a general medical condition (e.g., cerebral palsy, hemiplegia, or muscular dystrophy) and does not meet criteria for a Pervasive Developmental Disorder.

D. If mental retardation is present, the motor difficulties are in excess of those usually associated with it.

Source: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM IV-TR, 2000)