

"ICD-11 Includes Parental Alienation Numerous, members of PASG helped bring about this recognition.

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FOR THE FIRST TIME, the term “parental alienation” is included in the new edition of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11). Parental alienation is not a separate diagnosis in ICD-11, but is considered a synonym or an index term for a specific diagnosis, that is, caregiver-child relationship problem (QE52.0). The final version of ICD-11 is freely available on the Internet at <https://icd.who.int/>. Go to that link and then to “ICD Browser.” You can easily search for “parental alienation” and “parental estrangement.” Both terms are recognized because they are in the Index of the three-volume set of ICD-11. Both terms take the reader to the diagnosis of caregiver-child relationship problem. That is what ICD personnel have been telling us for more than a year, that is, that alienation and estrangement are considered “index terms” for caregiver-child relationship problem. We knew all along that parental alienation would not be a separate diagnosis, but was considered an alternative term for caregiver-child relationship problem. If you ask me, I think it is correct to say, “Parental alienation is in ICD-11.” Also, “PA is considered another name for caregiver-child relationship problem.” Also, “ICD-11 recognizes the reality of PA,” and so on.”