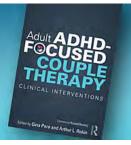
Adult ADHD-Focused Couple Therapy: Clinical Interventions



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Dear Reader,

Figure 1.1 lists the ADHD symptoms from DSM-IV-TR, ranked by prevalence as reported by respondents to the ADHD Partner Survey, which Gina Pera conducted in 2004-5. The survey queried 111 partners of adults diagnosed with ADHD (Pera, 2008).

Note: Traits stereotypically associated with ADHD—those related to hyperactivity—rank low in prevalence. Near the top of the chart are two major challenges typically overlooked in standard couple therapy: "difficulty organizing tasks/activities" and "difficulty sustaining attention to tasks." Chapter 6 specifically addresses these two traits.

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ADHD Symptoms

ADHD Partner Survey respondents were asked to select each symptom that describes their ADHD Partner's behaviors (ADHD symptoms adapted from DSM-IV diagnostic criteria)

