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Title: *Exploration of language in individuals with ADHD*

Abstract:

“Much of the diagnosis and definition of psychiatric disorders depends on language behaviour.”

Fine J. Canadian Journal of Psychiatry, 2001

My collaborative work with Jonathan Fine sought to characterize the communication differences noticeable in individuals with the diagnosis of ADHD (e.g., loudness, disfluency, intrusiveness, off-topic comments). To do so, we used a variety of theoretical models (e.g., Systemic Functional Linguistics, Story Grammar) and methods (e.g., standardized tests of language; analysis of language samples). In this presentation, I first summarize what is known about communication differences in ADHD and then provide examples of our findings to illustrate the linguistic realization of core behavioral symptoms (e.g., inattention, impulsivity/hyperactivity) and cognitive features (e.g., inhibition, working memory).