

About the diagnostic dynamics

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ABSTRACT

Infantile autism is a singular disorder which imposes itself as a real question of society. His diagnosis is particularly difficult. The diagnostic moment, which represents the genesis of the disease for the patient lies at the crossroads of a multitude of elements. It is marked by classifications of diseases, in this case the DSM since we place ourselves in the field of psychiatric diseases but it is also influenced by the experience, the doctor's view of speech and the signs of his patient. In addition, the diagnosis of a disorder such as autism is in the grip of social and cultural changes that constantly change the pathway between normal and pathological, particularly in the context of mental illnesses that are particularly sensitive to the movements of the society. Infantile autism is a singular disorder that will bring out the full extent of these epistemological issues. A recent disorder, which has undergone many changes within nosologies, autism still appears today to be difficult to understand because, in particular, of the broad spectrum of possible symptoms that it covers. This article therefore proposes a philosophical analysis of the phenomenon and underlines the need for philosophical reflection around the diagnostic question.

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