

What is semantic pragmatic disorder

Semantic Pragmatic Disorder (SPD), also known as Social Communication Disorder (SCD), is a communication disorder characterized by difficulties in understanding and using language in social contexts. Individuals with SPD may have relatively intact structural language (phonology, morphology, syntax) but struggle with the meaning and use of language in social situations.

Key Characteristics of Semantic Pragmatic Disorder:

- **Difficulty with language comprehension:**

This includes understanding non-literal language like idioms, metaphors, and sarcasm, as well as the ability to grasp the overall meaning of a conversation or story.

- **Challenges in social communication:**

Individuals may have trouble with social interactions, such as understanding social cues, taking turns in conversation, and maintaining topic coherence.

- **Inappropriate or irrelevant responses:**

They might say things that are off-topic or not relevant to the situation, or have difficulty understanding why certain responses are inappropriate.

- **Literal interpretations:**

Individuals may take things literally, even when they are meant figuratively, which can lead to misunderstandings.

- **Difficulties with narrative skills:**

They may struggle with telling stories, including maintaining coherence, using pronouns correctly, and including relevant details.

- **Potential overlap with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD):**

While SPD is distinct from ASD, there can be significant overlap in communication difficulties, and it's crucial to rule out ASD when assessing for SPD.