

Neurodiversity 101: Co-occurrence

What is co-occurrence?

Diseases and/or health conditions are said to co-occur when they are found in the same person at the same time.

This is different to co-morbidity, which implies that the conditions are also unrelated.

Neurodiversity & co-occurrence

Neurodiverse conditions co-occur at very high rates (see table). In most cases, if **someone has one neurodiverse condition**, they are **more likely than not** to have **at least one other neurodiverse condition**. Many people have more than two neurodiverse conditions.

		Likelihood of a secondary diagnosis of...							
		ADHD	ASD	DCD	DLD	Dyscalculia	Dyslexia	ID	Tic disorders
Primary diagnosis	ADHD								
	ASD								
	DCD								
	DLD								
	Dyscalculia								
	Dyslexia								
	ID								
	Tic disorders								

Key: the dark blue segments show the lowest estimated proportion with a given secondary diagnosis; the dark blue and light blue segments combined show the highest estimated proportion with a given secondary diagnosis.

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