# Anxiety and PDA



#### What is it?

High anxiety is one of several core traits associated with the PDA neurotype, along with control need, people focus and liking novelty

#### **Anxiety and PDA avoidance**

Anxiety and PDA avoidance go hand in hand so frequently that it is easy to assume they are one and the same. But some PDA people say they experience pathological-type avoidance without feeling any anxiety

#### Is PDA an anxiety disorder?

As high anxiety is a core trait of PDA, some people assume the condition is an anxiety disorder. However treating PDA anxiety with medication doesn't remove the avoidance drive

#### **Anxiety blindness**

Many PDA people report having become so accustomed to their life-long high anxiety that they were blind to it. Learning to recognize our anxiety can take practice

### **Supporting PDA anxiety**

PDA anxiety can be reduced, though not cured.

Avoiding triggers and PDA friendly strategies help.

Mindful meditation can help too

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