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Position Statement of Indian Psychiatric Society on Neuro-developmental Disorders

The Indian Psychiatric Society would like to reiterate that psychiatrists have been certifying children, adolescents and adults with intellectual disability (previously nomenclatured mental retardation), specific learning disability, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and autism, and managing their behavioural issues secondary to the same.

In fact the classificatory systems of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual and International Classification of Diseases have always classified these conditions under Mental and Behavioural Disorders (and now possibly Neuro-developmental) under the aegis of mental health.

The Indian Psychiatric Society reinforces that psychiatrists should continue diagnosing, treating and certifying the above conditions in the best interest of the patients at large, and should be signatories in any statutory documentation thus required by the State (in this case India) to help these individuals.

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