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Avolition

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Synonyms

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Definition

Avolition is a severe problem with initiation, volitional or willed action, and production of goal-directed behavior. It may reflect a general lack of motivation and drive. Avolition is commonly seen as one of the negative symptoms in patients with schizophrenia and is also common in frontal lobe disorders affecting medial frontal systems.

See Also

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