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Compare the three clusters of personality disorders & nursing interventions for each cluster:

Clusters	Defining Characteristics	Nursing Interventions
Cluster A 1. paranoid personality disorder 2. schizoid personality disorder 3. schizotypal personality disorder	1. pervasive, persistent, and inappropriate mistrust of others 2. defect in the ability to form personal relationships 3. resembles schizophrenia	Establish trust, be honest, clear simple explanations, set limits
Cluster B 1. antisocial personality disorder 2. borderline personality disorder 3. histrionic personality disorder 4. narcissistic personality disorder	1. cannot keep a job, relationship, and laws. Manipulation 2. emotionally unstable, self destructive, dissociate under stress 3. sense of entitlement, belief that they should receive special consideration 4. excitable, emotional, dramatic gregarious	Give positive reinforcement for positive behaviors Provide support Clarify true feelings Monitor for suicidal ideation
Cluster C 1. avoidant personality disorder 2. OCD 3. dependent personality disorder	1. extreme sensitivity to rejection, social withdrawal 2. inflexibility about how things have to be done 3. relying on others for emotional support	Friendly gentle approach Provide structure Assess in developing effective coping techniques

