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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. Profound defect in the ability to form personal relationships 3. Magical thinking, experiences unsual perceptions, paranoid ideation, eccentric behavior or appearance.	1. Establish trust and rapport 2. Be honest 3. Set limits 4. Professional demeaner 5. Clear simple explanations
Cluster B 1. Antisocial personality disorder 2. Borderline personality disorder 3. Histrionic personality disorder 4. Narcissistic personality	1. Fails to sustain consistent employment, fails to conform to the law, exploits and manipulates others for personal gain 2. Pattern of intense and chaotic relationships with affective instability 3. Excitable, and emotional, colorful and dramatic, extroverted 4. Sense of entitlement, believe they should receive special consideration, lack of empathy exploting others to meet own needs	1. Give positive reinforcement for unselfish or other center behaviors 2. Keep communications and interactions professional 3. Provide support 4. Help clarify true feelings 5. Assess for suicidal ideation

Cluster C 1. Avoidant personality disorder 2. Dependent personality disorder 3. Obsessive compulsive personality disorder	1. Extreme sensitivity to rejection, social withdrawal 2. Pattern of relying on others for emotional support 3. Inflexibility about the way in which things must be done	1. Teach and role model assertiveness 2. Friendly gentle reassuring approach 3. Guard against power struggles 4. Provide structure 5. Assist in developing effective coping techniques