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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. A persuasive, persistent, and inappropriate mistrust of other. They are suspicious of others' motives and tend to assume that others intend to exploit, harm, or deceive them. 2. A profound defect in the ability to form personal relationships and failure to response to others in a meaning and emotional way. 3. Resembles schizophrenia (magical thinking, illusions, isolated)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attempt to establish trust • Professional demeanor • Be honest • Have clear and simple explanations • Set limits
Cluster B 1. Antisocial Personality Disorder 2. Borderline Personality Disorder 3. Histrionic Personality Disorder 4. Narcissistic Personality Disorder	1. They fail to sustain consistent employment, conform to the law, develop stable relationships, exploit and manipulate others for personal advantages, and have persistent disregard for others and violation of other's rights. 2. Patterns of intense and chaotic relationships with affective instability. They also fluctuate and have extreme attitudes with others, are highly impulsive, and have abandonment issues. 3. They have excitable/emotional, colorful/dramatic, and extroverted behaviors. 4. They have a sense of entitlement, believe that they should have special considerations, lack empathy and exploit to meet their own needs, have tantrums, and are typically envious of others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give positive reinforcement for unselfish or other center behaviors • Keep communications and interactions professional • Provide support • Help clarify true feelings • Asses for suicidal ideation

<p>Cluster C</p> <p>1. Avoidant Personality Disorder</p> <p>2. Dependent Personality Disorder</p> <p>3. Obsessive-Compulsive Personality Disorder</p>	<p>1. They have an extreme sensitivity to rejection and have social withdrawal.</p> <p>2. A pattern of relying on others for emotional support</p> <p>3. Inflexibility about the way in which things must be done and they have a devotion to productivity at the exclusion of personal pleasure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach and role model assertiveness • Have a friendly and gentle reassuring approach • Guard against power struggles • Provide structure • Assist in developing effective coping mechanisms
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