



## **Table 7.1-2 Diagnostic Criteria for Deficit Schizophrenia**

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At least two of the following six features must be present and of clinically significant severity:

- ▶ Restricted affect
- ▶ Diminished emotional range
- ▶ Poverty of speech
- ▶ Curbing of interests
- ▶ Diminished sense of purpose
- ▶ Diminished social drive

Two or more of these features have been present for the preceding 12 months and were always present during periods of clinical stability (including chronic psychotic states). These symptoms may or may not be detectable during transient episodes of acute psychotic disorganization or decompensation.

Two or more of these enduring features are also idiopathic, that is, not secondary to factors other than the disease process. Such factors include

- ▶ Anxiety
- ▶ Drug effect
- ▶ Suspiciousness
- ▶ Formal thought disorder
- ▶ Hallucinations or delusions
- ▶ Mental retardation
- ▶ Depression

The patient meets DSM criteria for schizophrenia.