

in February, 2010, would be included in that edition, if it is approved. Autism now includes a range of complex disorders characterized by social impairment, communication difficulties, and restricted, repetitive patterns of behavior, according to the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. About six children in 1,000 will have autism, the NIH said. The field trials involved about 600 people with several closely related conditions, Regier said in a telephone interview. He declined to give precise results from the tests because the findings haven't been presented in public or published in a medical journal. The latest research counters a study reported yesterday at a medical meeting in Iceland that found the proposal may exclude many patients. Investigators from the Yale School of Medicine in New Haven, Connecticut, analyzed data collected in the early 1990s, almost 20 years ago, from trials conducted when the last diagnostic manual was released. Using information from several hundred high-functioning people with autism spectrum disorders, they found that about half would no longer meet the criteria under the new definition being considered, said James McPartland, director of the Yale Developmental Disabilities Clinic in New Haven, Connecticut, and a researcher in the study. The implications of the study is that there is going to be a change