Recognizing Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

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Distressing dreams (nightmares).	~	~
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Physiological reactivity after exposure to a reminder of the trauma.	~	~

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Of trauma-related thoughts and feelings.	~	

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Irritability or outbursts of anger.	~	~
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Hyper-vigilance.	 ✓ 	~
Exaggerated startle response.	v	~
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