THE STORY OF PREMENSTRUAL DYSPHORIC DISORDER IN THE DSM-III-R

March 1983
APA Trustees appoint Work Group to revise DSM-III

May 1983
Work Group begins revision process

June 1985
Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder (PDD) considered

September 1985
Ad Hoc Committee appointed to review PDD

Jean Hamilton, member of the PDD Advisory Committee, and Teresa Berdaardez, Chair of the APA Committee on Women, present evidence against the category.

American Psychological Association Committee on Women formally registers its opposition.

December 1985
Ad Hoc Committee recommends appendix

June 1986
APA Trustees place PLPDD in appendix

December 1986
PLPDD changed to LLPDD and placed in Appendix A as psychiatric disorder

1987
DSM-III-R published with LLPDD in Appendix A

Gynecologists send letters protesting the placement of PMS-type symptoms in the DSM. Outside of the Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, protestors rally against controversial categories being considered, including PLPDD.