

**Table 1. Diagnostic Criteria for Compulsive Buying for McElroy, et al (1994b)**

- A. Maladaptive preoccupation with buying or shopping, or maladaptive buying or shopping impulses or behavior, as indicated by at least one of the following:
  - 1. Frequent preoccupation with buying or impulses to buy that is/are experienced as irresistible, intrusive, and/or senseless.
  - 2. Frequent buying of more than can be afforded, frequent buying items that are not needed or shopping for longer periods of time than intended.
  
- B. The buying preoccupations, impulses, or behaviors cause marked distress, are time-consuming, significantly interfere with social or occupational functioning, or result in financial problems (e.g., indebtedness or bankruptcy).
  
- C. The excessive buying or shopping behavior does not occur exclusively during periods of hypomania or mania.