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Introduction to Psychodynamic Assessment

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Required Texts: (abbreviations used in syllabus)

PCF: McWilliams, Nancy. Psychoanalytic Case Formulation. New York: The Guilford Press, 1999.

PD: McWilliams, Nancy. Psychoanalytic Diagnosis: Understanding Personality Structure in the Clinical Process. New York: The Guilford Press, 1994.

PP: McWilliams, Nancy. Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy: A Practitioner's Guide. New York: The Guilford Press, 2004.

PDM: Psychodynamic Diagnostic Manual. Baltimore, Maryland: 2006.

Session One: Pre-1990's Approach

Brenner, C. (1979) The Components of Psychic Conflict and its Consequences in Mental Life. Psychoanalytic Quarterly 48:547-567.

Robbins, F. & Schlessinger, N. (1974) Assessment and Follow-up in Psychoanalysis. Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association, 22:542-567.

Zetzel, E. (1968) The So-Called Good Hysteric, International Journal of Psychoanalysis, 49:256-260.

Definitions of Developmental Lines

Two Case Reports (to be distributed in class)

Session Two: Nancy McWilliams' Approach

PD – Developmental Levels of Personality Organization, pp. 40-65.

PD – Clinical Implications of Developmental Levels of Organization, pp. 67-95.

Session Three: The PDM's Approach

PDM – Personality Patterns and Disorders – P Axis, pp. 13-32.

PDM – Profile of Mental Functioning – M Axis, pp. 71-85.

PDM – Symptom Patterns: The Subjective Experience – S Axis, pp. 93-94.

PDM – Case Illustrations of the PDM Profile with Adult Mental Health Disorders, pp. 157-172.

Session Four: Assessing Conscious & Unconscious Pathogenic Beliefs & Fantasies

PCF - Assessing Pathogenic Beliefs, pp. 180-199.

Case Presentation

Session Five: Initial Interview

PD – Appendix: Suggested Diagnostic Interview Format, pp. 349-351.

PCF – Orientation to Interviewing, pp. 29-47.

PCF – Concluding Comments, pp. 200-209.

PP – Preparing the Client, pp. 73-98.

Session Six: Assessing What Cannot Be Changed

PCF - Assessing What Cannot Be Changed, pp.48-64.

Case Presentation

Session Seven: Assessing Defenses

PD – Primary and Secondary Defensive Processes, pp. 96-144.

PCF – Assessing Defense, pp. 85-101.

Session Eight: Assessing Affects, Relational Patterns and Self-Esteem

PCF – Assessing Affects, pp. 102-121.

PCF – Assessing Relational Patterns, pp.139-157.

PCF – Assessing Self-Esteem, pp. 158-179.

Session Nine: Diagnosing Depressive, Manic & Masochistic Personalities

PD – Depressive and Manic Personalities, chapter 11, pp. 227-256

PD – Masochistic (Self-Defeating) Personalities, chapter 12, pp. 257-277.

Session Ten: Diagnosing Narcissistic, Obsessive and Compulsive Personalities

PD – Narcissistic Personalities, chapter 8, pp. 168-188.

PD – Obsessive and Compulsive Personalities, chapter 13, pp. 279-300.