Ethics Seminar Learning Objectives and Syllabus
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Week 1 - April 7: Discussion of Vignette on Countertransference

Learning Objective:
Candidates will be able to identify how feelings of guilt, shame and anxiety surround erotic feelings and erotic countertransference feelings, and they will also be able to describe how these feelings can make open discussion of erotic countertransference experiences difficult.

Reading

Week 2 – April 14: Erotic Countertransference and Self-disclosure

Learning Objectives:
1. Based on discussion of clinical vignettes and reading candidates will be able to describe the uses and misuses of countertransference feelings in doing analysis.
2. Candidates will be able to describe ways of understanding, addressing and managing erotic countertransference feelings.
3. Candidates will be able to identify the advantages and pitfalls of self-disclosure in analytic practice.

Readings


Week 3 April 21: Non-sexual Boundary Violations

Learning Objective:
1. Based on the discussion of clinical vignettes and reading, candidates will be able to describe non-sexual boundary violations in analysis and the risks involved.
2. Based on the reading candidates will be able to describe and illustrate the concept of multiple levels of reality within a transference paradigm.

Reading:


**Week 4** April 28: Confidentiality and Self-Disclosure

Learning Objective:

1. Based on the reading and discussion candidates will be able to discuss problems in maintaining confidentiality in publication and presentations of clinical work.
2. Candidates will be able to describe the concept of a “slippery slope” and describe examples of enactments that can be self-serving.
3. Candidates will be able to describe risks and benefits of self-disclosure.

Reading


**Week 5** May 5: Ethics and Psychoanalytic Institutions

Learning Objective:

1. Through discussion of the reading candidates will be able to describe the obstacles that make open discussion of boundary violations difficult in psychoanalytic institutes.
2. Candidates will be able to describe the benefits of consultation in restoring institutional integrity in the aftermath of egregious boundary violations.

Reading


**Week 6** May 12: Ethics and Using Modern Technology with Patients

Learning Objectives:

1. Through discussion and the reading candidates will be able to describe two ethical principles that will help guide ethical decision-making around the use of emails and texting.
2. Through discussion and reading candidates will be able to explain two liability risks in using email with their patients.
3. Through discussion of the vignette candidates will be able to describe one way in which the email exchange affected the treatment in this clinical example.

Reading:


**Week 7** May 19: Dual Relationships and Gifts

Learning Objectives:

1. Through discussion of a vignette and the reading candidates will be able to describe dual relationships and identify the risks of treating more than one member of a family in individual treatment.
2. Candidates will be able describe the risks and benefits to analytic work of accepting gifts from patients and discuss an approach to understanding the meaning of the gift.

Reading


Optional: Silber, A. A Patient's Gift... 1969 IJP 50:335-341. [PEP Web Link]

**Week 8** May 26: Illness in the Analyst

Learning Objectives:
1. Through discussion of a vignette and reading candidates will be able to describe the risks and benefits of the analyst’s self-disclosure of serious illness.
2. Candidates will be able to discuss the ethical obligation of an analyst with terminal illness to inform their patients and make provisions for their care.

Reading:

