



Psychoanalytic Training, Year II
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Psychopathology I: Hysteria and Obsessive- Compulsive Disorders

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Freud's investigations into the structure of Hysteria and Obsessive –Compulsive Neurosis revealed that, from a psychoanalytic point of view, a great variety of psychopathological conditions are usefully understood in terms of a patient's internal conflicts about and characteristic defenses against unconscious aggression and sexuality. Through unraveling the patients' symptoms and relationships with their significant others, including traumatic childhood experiences, it becomes possible to achieve a cure of these illnesses.

In this course we will explore in depth the psychopathologies of Hysteria and Obsessive Compulsive Neurosis. We will read some of the early cases by Freud, such as Emmy von N and The Rat Man, and contemporary discussions of these texts. We will ask the question of how our understanding of Hysteria and Obsessive –Compulsive Neurosis has changed over time or has remained the same. We look forward to learning from each other, and we hope you will bring in your questions with regard to the readings and your case examples from your practice to illuminate these mental conditions.

SESSION 1 - September 28, 2017: Introduction to Hysteria

Please read these papers prior to the first class.

1. Breuer, J. and Freud, S., (1893) Studies on Hysteria, Chapter I, On the Psychological Mechanisms of Hysterical Phenomena: Preliminary Communications, S.E. 2. 3-17. [PEP Web Link](#).
2. Freud, S. (1893) Studies on Hysteria, Chapter 4, The Psychotherapy of Hysteria, S.E. 2. 255-305. [PEP Web Link](#).

Learning objective:

At the conclusion of this session candidates will be able to identify two psychological mechanisms involved in the formation of hysterical symptoms.

SESSION 2 - October 5, 2017: Hysteria and Trauma

1. Freud, S. (1893) Studies on Hysteria, Chapter 2, Case 2, Frau Emmy von N, S.E. 2, 48 - 105. [PEP Web Link](#).
2. Bromberg, P. M. (1996). Hysteria, Dissociation, and Cure: Emmy von N Revisited. *Psychoanal. Dial.*, 6(1) 55-71. [PEP Web Link](#).

Learning objective:

At the conclusion of this session, candidates will be able to describe the role of trauma in the formation of hysterical symptoms.

SESSION 3 -October 12, 2017: Hysteria (continued)

1. Breuer, J. (1895) Studies on Hysteria, Chapter 2, Case 1, Fraulein Anna O, S.E. 2, 21-47. [PEP Web Link](#).
2. Britton, R. (1999). Getting in on the Act. *Int. J. Psycho-Anal.*, 80(1): 1-14. [PEP Web Link](#).

Supplemental Reading:

1. Freud. S., (1908) On the Sexual Theories of Children, S.E. 9, 207-226. [PEP Web Link](#).
2. Freud.S., (1908) Some Hysterical Fantasies and their Relationship to Bisexuality. S.E. 9, 157-166. [PEP Web Link](#).

Learning objective:

At the end of this session Candidates will be able to describe an unconscious sexual phantasy in each of the Anna O case and Britton's case.

SESSION 4 - October 19, 2017: Contemporary Views on Hysteria

1. Yarom, N. (1997). A Matrix of Hysteria. *Int. J. Psycho-Anal.*, 78: 1119-1134. [PEP Web Link](#).
2. Rupperecht-Schampera, U. (1995). The Concept of 'Early Triangulation' As a Key To a Unified Model of Hysteria. *Int. J. Psycho-Anal.*, 76: 457-473. [PEP Web Link](#).

Supplemental Reading:

Loewald, H. W. (1979). The Waning of the Oedipus Complex. *J. Amer. Psychoanal. Assn.*, 27: 751-775. [PEP Web Link](#).

Learning objective:

At the end of this session Candidates will be able to identify three factors essential to a diagnosis of Hysteria according to Yarom.

SESSION 5 - October 26, 2017: Obsessional Neurosis - the Rat Man

1. Fisch, Marcia (1999 unpublished). Rat Man, The Case. [Available in the library. Check the reading folder or request from library@bpsi.org]
2. Freud, S. (1909). Notes upon a case of obsessional neurosis, S. E. 10, 153-220. [PEP Web Link](#).

3. We will watch a film of the Rat Man case during class.

Learning objective:

At the conclusion of this session Candidates will be able to list at least two psychological mechanisms involved in the formation of obsessional symptoms.

SESSION 6 - November 2, 2017: Obsessional Neurosis - the Rat Man (continued)

1. Freud, S. (1909). Notes upon a case of obsessional neurosis, S. E. 10, 221-249. [PEP Web Link](#).
2. Osman, M. P. (2009). Freud's Rat Man from the Perspective of an Early-Life Variant of the Oedipus Complex. *Psychoanal. Q.*, 78(3): 765-790. [PEP Web Link](#).
3. Abraham, K. (1923). Contributions to the Theory of the Anal Character. *Int. J. Psycho-Anal.*, 4:400-418. [PEP Web Link](#).

Learning objective:

At the conclusion of this session Candidates will be able to list two points of difference between Freud's and Osman's understanding of the Rat Man case.

SESSION 7 - December 9, 2017: Obsessional Neurosis - the Rat Man (continued)

1. Freud, S. (1909). Notes upon a case of obsessional neurosis, Addendum: Original Record of the Case. S. E. 10, 253-318. [PEP Web Link](#).
2. Kanzer, M. (1952). The Transference Neurosis of the Rat Man. *Psychoanal. Quarterly*, 21: 181-189. [PEP Web Link](#).
3. Beigler, J. S. (1975). A Commentary on Freud's Treatment of the Rat Man. *Annual. Psychoanal.*, 3: 271-285. [PEP Web Link](#).

Learning objective:

At the end of this session Candidates will be able to describe the maternal influence on the Rat Man's pathology and one example of the Rat Man's transference manifestation subsequent to Freud's feeding the Rat Man a herring.

SESSION 8 - December 16, 2017: Contemporary Views on Obsessional Neurosis

1. Brandchaft, B. (2001). Obsessional Disorders. *Psychoanal. Inq.*, 21(2): 253-288. [PEP Web Link](#).
2. Kulish, N. (1988) Precocious Ego Development and Obsessive Compulsive Neurosis. *Journal of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis*. 16.2. 167-187. [PEP Web Link](#).

Learning objective:

At the conclusion of this session Candidates will be able to identify two early childhood experiences that, according to Brandchaft and Kulish, are common in people who develop obsessive-compulsive neurosis.