This eight week clinical seminar will examine in detail one patient with a narcissistic disorder who is being treated by one of the participants. We will observe both transference and countertransference patterns and try to understand their interpenetration in the therapist and within the group. The particular case presented will be situated along the spectrum of narcissistic disorders and within the range of treatment possibilities for these disorders.

**Overall Learning Objective:** At the end of the course students will be able to identify and diagnose various forms of narcissistic disorders and will be able to choose and administer various forms of treatment for the narcissistic disorders.

**Weekly Learning Objectives**

**Week One:** At the end of this class, students will be able to identify narcissistic patients in an initial interview or from ongoing material.

**Week Two:** At the end of this class, students will be able to assess prognosis and treatment possibilities associated with various diagnoses.

**Week Three:** At the end of this class, students will be able to describe various transference configurations commonly observed in narcissistic patients.
Week Four: At the end of this class, students will be further able to identify the various counter-transference configurations commonly observed in the treatment of narcissistic patients.

Week Five: At the end of this class, students will be further able to identify the transference and countertransference patterns in the patient-therapist dyad being observed.

Week Six: At the end of this class, students will be able to describe, using the material being presented, how each situation might have been handled from another therapeutic vantage point.

Week Seven: At the end of this class, students will be able to compare and evaluate the therapeutically effective components of each approach discussed.

Week Eight: At the end of this class, having examined various alternative treatment possibilities, students will be able to assess where their own preferences fall on the spectrum of possibilities.

Orientation Bibliography (To Be Read Before Class starts)


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