

Countertransference

he evolution in our understanding of the effects of countertransference on therapeutic work has been substantial, from the early belief that it was an interference to the more current view that it is a valuable treatment tool. Melanie Klein's introduction of the concept of projective identification was a crucial turning point in this change and Racker and Spotnitz clarified the difference between countertransference and countertransference resistance. The arousal of countertransference is particularly intense when working with narcissistic patients, and it requires analysts to confront and work through the narcissism in their own personalities.

We will discuss case material, from both the psychoanalytic literature and our practices, to elucidate countertransference-based clinical interventions that either promote or impede progressive communication and the resolution of resistances. The role of projective identification in this process will be emphasized.

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Participants will be able to (1) describe objective and subjective countertransference and projective identification and their roles in formulating therapeutic interventions; (2) identify objective and subjective countertransference and projective identification in case material; and (3) utilize their understanding of countertransference and projective identification to formulate therapeutic interventions to resolve resistances to progressive communication.

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