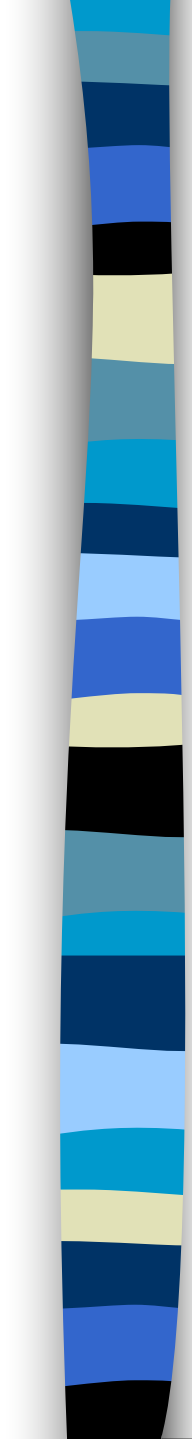


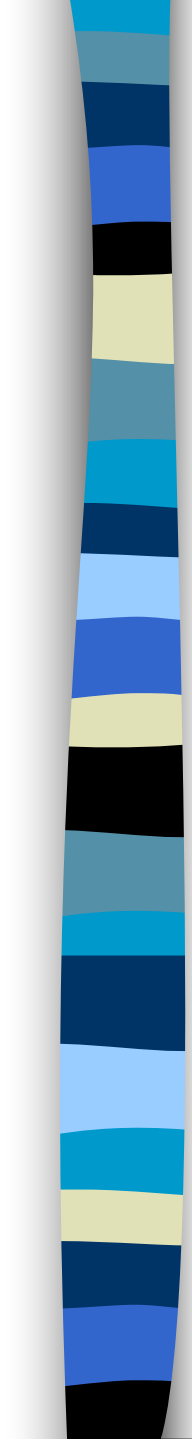


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18a H&H: Therapeutic Relationships - Conflict, Transference, Dual Relationship, and Sexual Misconduct Class Outline

5 minutes	Attendance, Breath of Arrival, and Reminders
10 minutes	Lecture:
25 minutes	Lecture:
15 minutes	Active study skills:
60 minutes	Total



18a H&H: Therapeutic Relationships - Conflict, Transference, Dual Relationship, and Sexual Misconduct Class Outline

Quizzes and Exams:

- 19a Quiz
(study all material from classes 13a, 14a, 15a, 16a, and 17a)
- 21a Exam
(1b, 2a, 2b, 3a, 3b, 4a, 5a, 6a, 7a, 8b, 9a, 9b, 11a, 12a, 13a, 13b, 15a, 16a, 17a, 17b, and 18a)

Assignments:

- 30a Review Questions (A: 141-158)

Preparation for upcoming classes:

- 19a Quiz
- 19b Swedish: Guided Full Body
- 21b CPR/ First Aid: This class cannot be made in the make-up room. To schedule a sit-in, students should contact the Student Administrator. To be exempt, bring a copy of your CPR & first aid certificate.



Classroom Rules

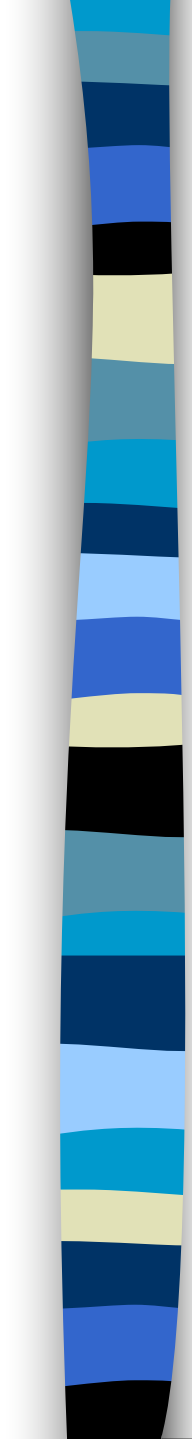
Punctuality - everybody's time is precious

- Be ready to learn at the start of class; we'll have you out of here on time
- Tardiness: arriving late, returning late after breaks, leaving during class, leaving early

The following are not allowed:

- Bare feet
- Side talking
- Lying down
- Inappropriate clothing
- Food or drink except water
- Phones that are visible in the classroom, bathrooms, or internship

You will receive one verbal warning, then you'll have to leave the room.



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Conflict and Conflict Resolution

Conflicts can arise from vague or nonexistent boundaries or unmet client expectations such as:

- Not starting the massage on time
- Not adequately addressing the client's problem area
- Canceling a client's appointment for the 3rd time this month



Conflict and Conflict Resolution

Some strategies to help resolve conflicts:

- Identify and accept the problem
- Communicate with “I” messages
- Have healthy boundaries
- Solutions should be in the client's and the relationship's best interest
- Be open to a variety of solutions .



Conflict and Conflict Resolution

More strategies to help resolve conflicts:

- Do not take problems and differences personally .
- Take full responsibility for your own behavior .
- Take a break if you or other person is too angry or excessively emotional
- Look for the lesson after the conflict is resolved
- Ask client “What you would like for me to do?” Comply within reason



Conflict and Conflict Resolution

Incident Report Sign up at <http://evolve.elsevier.com/Salvo/MassageTherapy> to download an Incident Report Form from Chapter 2 then Downloadable Forms. This is not required, but it is a good way to record the facts for later reference.

Date: _____ Client's Name _____

Time: _____ Therapist's Name _____

Place: _____

Therapist's perceptions of incident:

Individuals involved in the incident:

Actions taken:

Signature of Massage Therapist

Date

Reviewed and resolved:

Date: _____ Time: _____

Place: _____



Conflict and Conflict Resolution

Conflicts of Interest Be careful with respect to your boundaries and your client's if you or your employer is putting you in the position of being a salesperson for products. This can be a conflict of interest as well as a violation of boundaries.



Transference and Countertransference

Transference When a client feels consciously or unconsciously that the therapist is someone other than a health care provider. For instance, they want the therapist to be their friend, not only a health care provider. Often can be transference of feelings or thoughts related to early significant person in their life.



Transference and Countertransference

Countertransference When a therapist feels the client is something more than just a client. Can result in the therapist bringing unresolved emotional, issues or personal needs into the therapeutic relationship.

Either of these can be positive or negative (e.g. strong attraction or disappointment).



Transference and Countertransference

Countertransference . .

May occur from:

- Inability to maintain professional distance .
- Attention gained from client's transference.
- Clients who act as mirrors of your life.



Transference and Countertransference

Countertransference . .

Signs include:

- Getting involved in a client's personal life.
- Having intense feelings toward a client.
- Thinking excessively about a client.
- Romantic and sexual fantasizing.
- Excusing inappropriate behavior or bending boundaries.



Transference and Countertransference

Countertransference . .

What to do:

- Find other ways to meet personal needs
- Get help from colleague or counselor
- May need to terminate the relationship
- Refer client to another therapist



Transference and Countertransference

Seductive Client

Seductiveness arises from:

- Dominance
- Control
- Selfishness
- Not about love or sex



Transference and Countertransference

Seductive Client

What to do:

- Maintain strict boundaries
- Get help from colleague or counselor
- May need to terminate the relationship
- Refer client to another therapist



Dual Relationships

Dual relationships When we have more than one type of relationship with a client. More than just a therapeutic relationship.

- May thwart professionalism and ability to focus on client's needs. It changes roles and expectations. Boundaries may be harder to manage. Avoid wearing “two hats”. When you are a therapist, be a therapist.



Dual Relationships

- When you are a friend, be a friend. When you are a family member, be a family member. Maintaining boundaries is your responsibility, not the client's responsibility.



Dual Relationships

Friendship

- Most common dual relationship
- May be difficult to remain in therapist role if client is a friend
- Sessions may become social affairs rather than professional events
- Therapist may not focus on client's needs



Dual Relationships

- Get explicit understanding concerning the difference between the professional role you will play as their therapist. They must understand and agree regarding that position and their role as a client to keep clear boundaries and clear roles.



Dual Relationships

- Get clarity and agreement beforehand regarding how much you will charge, scheduling appointments, respecting your time by being on time, not canceling without sufficient notice, honoring all of your policies.
- Do not confuse therapeutic relationship with intimate relationships.



Dual Relationships

- Some Codes of Ethics recommend discontinuing client-therapist relationship for a minimum of 6 months before either party might initiate something other than the therapeutic relationship.



Dual Relationships

- If you are dually licensed, consider carefully the varying boundaries of each and consider the possibility of keeping these roles clearly separated. For example, seeing someone one time for a nutritional consult if you are a licensed nutritionist and at a separate time for massage therapy.



Sexual Misconduct

Sexual misconduct Any sexual contact between the therapist and client or sexualizing of the therapeutic relationship.

- Ranges from: innocent comments about client's body, dating a client, sexual harassment, to offering clients sexual services.



Sexual Misconduct

- Feelings of sexual attraction toward clients and vice versa are normal, acting out the attraction is inappropriate.
- Get professional help when needed.
- Potential for sexual misconduct is in every profession, not just massage



Sexual Misconduct

Negative Perceptions of Massage Illusion of massage as euphemism for prostitution is perpetuated by media.

- Society sexualizes touch .
- As we become mainstream, negative perceptions will fade but if you encounter a negative perception, respectfully and professionally respond based on fact.



Sexual Misconduct

Examples of Sexual Misconduct:

- Flirting or seductive gestures
- Telling sexual jokes
- Failure to ensure privacy through proper draping practices
- Entering room before client is completely draped or dressed
- Masturbation, intercourse, and rape.



Sexual Misconduct

Precautions

- Avoid terms of endearment.
- Avoid suggestive wording in ads.
- Avoid secluded office with unknown clients.
- Realize issues involved with home office .
- Screen out-calls carefully. Get a referral.
- Avoid unconscious sexual signals (e.g. choice of clothing, aromas, inadvertent body contact).



Sexual Misconduct

Erections

- Ignore it? - difficult
 - Move to very distal area – e.g. the feet, stimulating circulation elsewhere and giving person a chance to redistribute their attention
 - Ask the person to roll over?
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- If there is one or more instances when you suspect sexualizing of the massage and the relationship, then a conversation is necessary and the session, at least temporarily, discontinued.



Sexual Misconduct

The Massage Rules in Texas - “A licensee shall immediately discontinue the massage therapy session, activity or the professional relationship when a client initiates any verbal or physical contact with the licensee that is intended to arouse or gratify the sexual desire of either person. “



Sexual Misconduct

Terminating Session

- Remove hands from client, step back toward door. Tell client the massage is over. State that you will wait.
- Avoid answering questions until client is dressed and out of massage room.
- If therapist works alone and is frightened, call 911 and stay on phone until client leaves or lock yourself in separate room. Always document such events and actions taken in an Incident Report.



Sexual Misconduct

NEVER COMMIT INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

Consequences for violating the trust the client puts in you may be:

Client:

- Trauma or heightening of trauma from past events
- Destroying their trust in massage therapy
- Harming their health

Therapist:

- Loss of income, license, and reputation
- Loss of marriage, friendships, and peer relationships.
- Lawsuit for damages, fines, attorney's fees, court costs, and jail time



Sexual Misconduct

Sexual Misconduct of a Colleague Report any, even second-hand, information about any therapist committing sexual misconduct. Encourage the offended party to report to Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation : 800-803-9202.

<https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/complaints/>



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