

COCAP The concept of neutrality as seen through the eyes of two child analysts.

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Abstract Content (EN)

In clinical dialogue, two child analysts will demonstrate to the audience the challenges they experienced to their countertransference when struggling to maintain neutrality.

Susan Baxt will discuss in *Camouflage : hiding in plain sight*, the case of a preteen and her family in which she had to carry the sense of an inner monster in her young patient, a hot potato defended against by all the other family members.

Working therapeutically with the moment by moment pressures to align with each member of the family and maintaining neutrality eventually gave space to the young girl to begin to become acquainted with her own mind, perhaps for the first time in her life.

Teresa Flores in *The emergence of the infantile in the analysis of an adult patient* highlights how the non-verbal transference communication of a very early traumatic experience of her patient was experienced as an impressive somatic countertransference. This challenged the analyst's ability to maintain an analytic stance of neutrality and make way for a creative analytic process for the adult psychic suffering.

Fernando Gomez will moderate the discussion between both presenters and with the audience.