

# Committee Free Clinical Groups

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## **Content**

In Free Clinical Groups, one uses a specific method for discussing clinical material. The method was developed by Wolfgang Loch. Four groups will be working simultaneously, each group work being led by two moderators. Before starting the presentation, only the age and the simultaneous gender of the patient is disclosed. The initial presentation of the material ends at a point just before the first intervention has been made. Only when the group has arrived at one or more possible interpretations, the presenter will show the rest of the session. Information about diagnosis, biography, process, number of treatment sessions and frequency will not be provided until the presented session has been discussed in its entirety. The moderators are highly experienced analysts who listen to the presenter and the group's ideas with a “free floating attention” and try to support the flow of associations, whether by encouraging, emphasising, summarising or describing the group's approach or any changes to it. Through Free Clinical Groups work, the relationship between patient and analyst would be reflected, like through a prism, in the group's responses to the material.

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