

The Intersubjective Experience of Treating the Suicidal Patient:

Hope in the Presence of Desperation

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10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

2 CE/CME'S AVAILABLE

Discussant: Susan Adelman, PhD
Via Zoom

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Hope is a theme that runs through the analytic dialogue, often silently but insistently, to promote the goals of the treatment. In these difficult times, when analysts are faced with unprecedented challenges to our physical safety in the pandemic and the safety of our democracy, we consider how to promote hope for ourselves and our patients. In this presentation we consider the intersubjective experience of treating desperate suicidal patients in the context of exploring the meaning of transference/countertransference communications. Hope is crucial to such treatments. Hope is similarly essential to maintaining our analytic practice in the face of adversity and a culture that denies truth. There is a connection between the hope provided to suicidal patients in their time of distress and hope that we hold on to when we feel our values are threatened.

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EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

At the end of this presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss factors that are important in supporting hope for desperate suicidal patients.
2. Discuss countertransference responses that are suicide preventing or suicide inviting.

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