## Working with Disordered Eating "Who's Anxious?"

Presenter: Francesca Engel, MD Discussant: Peggy Walsh, MS, LMFT

In this latest installment of our case conference series, PCOP psychotherapy student Francesca Engel, MD, will present the case of a patient from her private practice where disordered eating emerged unexpectedly during the course of treatment, in the context of Covid and virtual therapy. Discussant Peggy Walsh, MS, LMFT, seasoned clinician and PCOP faculty member, will use her expertise in the treatment of eating disorders to provide insight into the countertransference anxiety therapists experience in the face of disordered eating and give a framework for how to understand and address these behaviors within a psychodynamic/psychoanalytic framework.

Discussion will focus on clinical interventions and case formulation, including concrete examples of "what to say, when" in psychotherapy that attendees can apply to their own clinical work. Our moderator will guide the following question and answer period where you can pose questions to Dr. Engel and Ms. Walsh regarding the case.

Francesca Engel, MD, received her M.D. from the University of Pittsburgh, School of Medicine and is a board-certified psychiatrist and internist. Prior to psychiatric training, she was the Women's Health Medical Director at the Crescenz VA in Philadelphia. In caring for veterans, she developed her clinical interests in women's mental health and trauma, eventually deciding to retrain in psychiatry. She completed her psychiatric training at the University of Pennsylvania in 2020. She is a graduate of the Adult Psychotherapy Program at PCOP and is currently a second-year student in the Child Psychotherapy Program. Dr. Engel has a private practice in center city Philadelphia.

Peggy Walsh, MS, LMFT, is a psychotherapist in private practice in Bala Cynwyd, PA, where she works with adults, adolescents, and couples. She holds a Master's in Psychological Services from the University of Pennsylvania and a Post-Master's Certificate in Couple and Family Therapy from Drexel University. Ms. Walsh earned certificates from the Philadelphia Psychotherapy Training Program and the Child Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Program at what now the Psychoanalytic Center Philadelphia. She counseled on inpatient units at The Strecker Program of The Institute of Pennsylvania Hospital and The Renfrew Center for Eating Disorders. She has special interests in treating individuals and couples struggling with substance use and eating disorders. Ms. Walsh is on the faculty of the Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia.



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- 1. Describe elements of psychodynamic psychotherapy case formulation and technique in working with disordered eating.
- 2. Describe how awareness of countertransference anxiety in working with disordered eating can be used to better understand patients and guide treatment/interventions.

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