EXPLORING VULNERABILITY & POWER IN PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES

RELATIONAL ETHICS

TRUMP'S PERSONAL DENTIST HIGHLIGHTS FRIENDSHIP WITH PRESIDENT TO OBTAIN FLORIDA DENTAL LICENSE

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DEFINITIONS

- **Boundary crossing**: Brief crossing of an established professional boundary that may be unintentional or on purpose when made for a therapeutic goal.

- **Boundary violation**: "An act of abuse" (i.e., physical, verbal, emotional, sexual, or financial abuse, misuse of power or breach of trust or dignity, intimacy that may reasonably be expected to cause physical or emotional harm, inconsistency with religious and cultural beliefs and values. (Citrin, 2011, p. 2 using National Council of State Boards of Nursing & Appendix C)."

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LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT

- Over-involvement
- Under-involvement
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UNDER-INVOLVEMENT

- Lack of authentic engagement with patient/client/family
- Compassion fatigue
- Lack of appropriate systemic support

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VIOLATION OF SEXUAL BOUNDARIES

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RISK FACTORS
EXPLORING ANOTHER METAPHOR: TERRITORY

STRATEGIES
• Be Vigilant
• Be Self-Aware
• Orientate Patient/Client to the Professional Relationship
• Know and Refer to your Standards of Practice, Code of Ethics, and Provincial Laws
• Be Transparent (note that reluctance to be so is a warning sign)
• Ask for Guidance
• Support Colleagues and Students

THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION. COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?


