The Seattle Psychoanalytic Society and Institute

presents

Freud's Cancer and Death in the Consulting Room

Sharon Romm, M.D. and Tony Hacker, Ph.D.

Saturday, March 28, 2015

9 AM to 12:40 PM

4020 East Madison Street, Suite 230, Seattle WA 98112

3 CME/CPE/CEU credits

Freud's Cancer: The Unwelcome Intruder

Sharon Romm, M.D.

In 1923, Sigmund Freud was diagnosed with the advanced oral cancer that was one of the dominant themes of the last 16 years of his life. Dr. Romm, a psychiatrist, surgeon, and medical historian, will review Freud's stoic course in the context of the medical climate and knowledge of his place and time.

Death in the Consulting Room: The Inevitable Intruder

Tony Hacker, Ph.D.

Dr. Hacker will discuss Freud’s ideas about death, both before and after he was diagnosed with cancer, and explore their relevance to our work - especially to our experiences of loss in day-to-day clinical work. In his brief, sometimes overlooked paper, On Transience, written before his cancer diagnosis, Freud suggested that we experience the beauty of life as transient and withdraw from anticipated losses, both consciously and unconsciously. Dr. Hacker makes use of his own experiences of a particular kind of loss – patients who died suddenly during treatment – to speculate that some therapists, especially those of us who see people for a lengthy time, harbor a fantasy that patients will inevitably return. This impacts many aspects of treatment including attachment, connection, transference/countertransference, and evolving object relationships.
Schedule

9:00 to 9:20 AM  Registration
9:20 to 9:30 AM  Introduction – Paul Roberts, M.D.
9:30 to 10:45 AM  **Freud's Cancer: The Unwelcome Intruder** – Presentation by Sharon Romm and audience discussion
10:45 to 11:00 AM  Coffee Break
11:00 to 11:10 AM  Introduction – Paul Roberts, M.D.
11:10 to 12:40 PM  **Death in the Consulting Room: The Inevitable Intruder** - Presentation by Tony Hacker and audience discussion

Presenters

**Sharon Romm MD** originally trained in plastic and reconstructive surgery and taught that discipline at the University of Kentucky and at Georgetown University. She subsequently changed her field to psychiatry, and is now a Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Washington. She practices at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle where she is the Medical Director of the Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit, a unit that treats the severely psychiatrically and, at times, medically ill. She is widely published and is author of several books, including *The Unwelcome Intruder: Freud’s Struggle With Cancer* (1983).

**Tony Hacker PhD** is a graduate of UCLA, the UW, and SPSI. He has practiced here in the Northwest for the past 30 years, including work in inpatient, day treatment and outpatient settings, and psycho-diagnostics. He sees adults in psychoanalysis and psychotherapy, works with couples, and provides consultation and supervision in his private practice in Seattle. He is on the faculty of SPSI, and teaches in the core and psychotherapy programs. He also writes a monthly column for the Seattle Times, presenting psychoanalytic concepts in everyday language for the general community.

**Paul Roberts MD** studied Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases, and Tropical Medicine, which he practiced in Seattle, after a brief stint as a journalist. A midlife change of hats made him a psychiatrist. He is a Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at UW and faculty member at SPSI, and practices psychiatry and psychoanalysis in Seattle.

Learning Objectives

After attending Dr. Romm’s presentation participants will gain an understanding of:

1) the symptoms and procedures to which Freud, as a cancer patient of the 1920’s, was subject.

2) the ways in which Freud responded, professionally and personally, to these challenges.
After attending Dr. Hacker’s presentation participants will gain an understanding of:

1) Freud’s concept that we withdraw from fully appreciating the present, particularly pleasure and beauty, because of the unconscious anticipation of inevitable loss.

2) new ways to think about the therapist’s reactions to termination and loss in psychotherapy and analysis and have an opportunity to (re)consider our attitudes as therapists towards continuity, loss, and endings in psychotherapy and analysis.

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint sponsorship of the American Psychoanalytic Association and Seattle Psychoanalytic Society and Institute. The American Psychoanalytic Association is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The American Psychoanalytic Association designates this Live Activity for a maximum of 3.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

This presentation also meets the requirements of WAC 246-924-240 (Definition of Category of Creditable CPE).

“This program has been approved for 3.0 CEUs by the NASW Washington State Chapter.” Licensed Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Mental Health Counselors are eligible. Provider number is #1975-144.

IMPORTANT DISCLOSURE INFORMATION FOR ALL LEARNERS: None of the planners and presenters of this CME program have any relevant financial relationships to disclose.
Registration

Sharon Romm, M.D. and Tony Hacker, Ph.D.
Saturday, March 28, 2015

Name and Degree________________________________________

Address _________________________________________________

City, State, Zip__________________________________________

Phone (required) __________________________________________

Email (required) __________________________________________

SPSI members Non-members Students**

Conference Fees $50 $55 $25

Early Registration* $40 $45 $20

Payment Amount: _________ Check ____ VISA/MC/AMEX/Discover____

Credit Card No.: ___________________ Exp. Date: _________________

CVV Code: _______ Zip Code from Credit Card Statement: ______________

Authorized Signature: __________________________________________

Make checks payable to SPSI and mail with this form to:
SPSI, 4020 East Madison Street, Suite 230, Seattle, WA 98112
Or, register online at www.spsi.org.

* Must be postmarked by March 13, 2015.
** Please supply a document confirming student status.

If you have any questions, or you’re not sure of your membership status, contact our Administrator, Peggy Swenson, at (206) 328-5315 or peggy@spsi.org.