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**Therapeutic Partnership in Psychosis and Beyond**

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**Learning Goal:**

Participants will be aware of the history of research and clinical experience on the important role of the dyadic therapeutic relationship in psychotic states

**Abstract Text:**

The paper will begin with a discussion on the research on the therapeutic alliance in psychosis and then will discuss historical examples of the importance of the therapeutic relationship in the work and theories of such psychoanalysts and psychotherapists as HS Sullivan, Silvano Arieti, Harold Searles (e.g., patient as therapist), Gaetano Benedetti and Maurizio Peciccia, Martii Siirala, Françoise Davoine and Jean-Max Gaudilierre, Irvin Yalom, and Aaron Beck. Disguised vignettes from the author's psychotherapy practice will be discussed, including interactions surrounding what we call "delusions" and "voices."

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