

# **Using the Case Formulation and Progress Monitoring Data to Guide CBT**

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Berlin July 17, 2019, 9:00 a.m. – 17:00 p.m.

**9:00 a.m.** Introductions and Plan for the Day

**9:30** Why do Case Formulation-guided CBT?

**10:00** Empirical Foundations

**10:15** Formulation and Intervention

Formulation at the level of the symptom

- **10:45 – 11:15 COFFEE BREAK**

**11:15** Formulation and Intervention

Formulation at the level of the disorder and the case

**12:00** Audiotape exercise: Develop an initial formulation of the case of Judy and use it to guide treatment based on an audiotape of the first 12 minutes of the initial interview

**13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH BREAK**

**14:00** Progress Monitoring

**15:15 -15:45 COFFEE BREAK**

**15:45** Using the formulation and progress monitoring to guide treatment

**16:30** Finishing up: Review of goals and action plans

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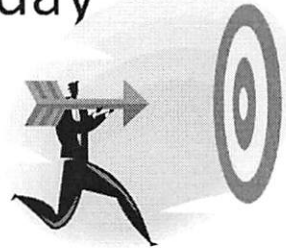


**EXERCISE**

With your neighbor:

- Reflect on the Agenda.
- Write down your learning goals for the workshop today. (2 min)

## Goals for the Workshop Today



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## Action Items

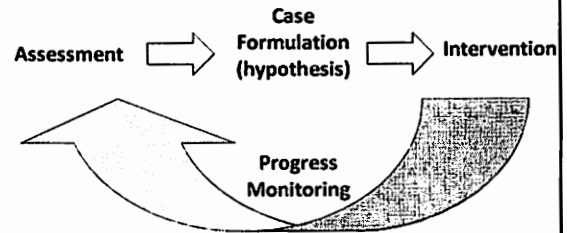


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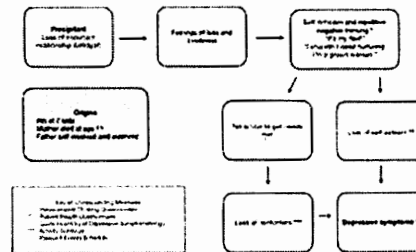
## A Case Formulation-driven Approach to Cognitive-behavior Therapy



## Definition of Formulation

A formulation is a hypothesis about the mechanisms (e.g., schemas, contingencies) that cause and maintain a patient's symptoms, problems, and disorders.

### Case Formulation for Thea

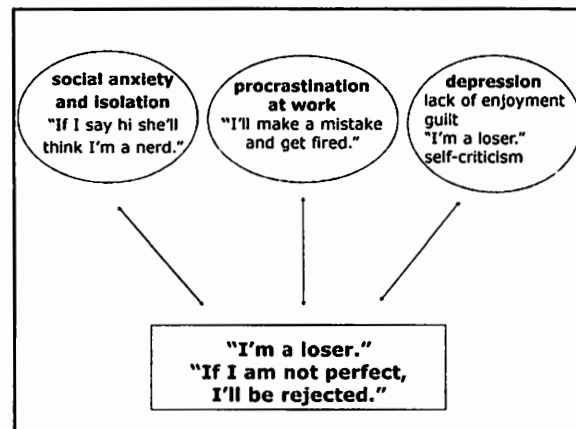
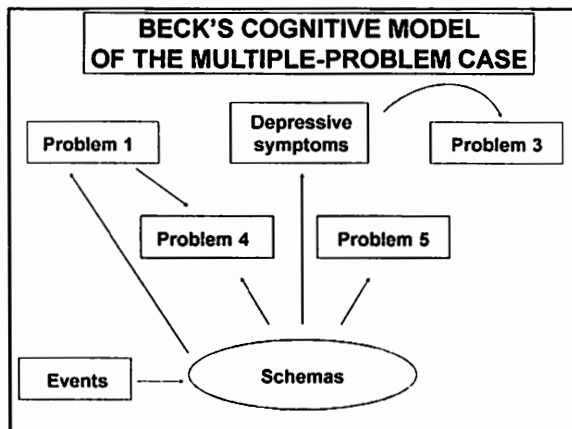
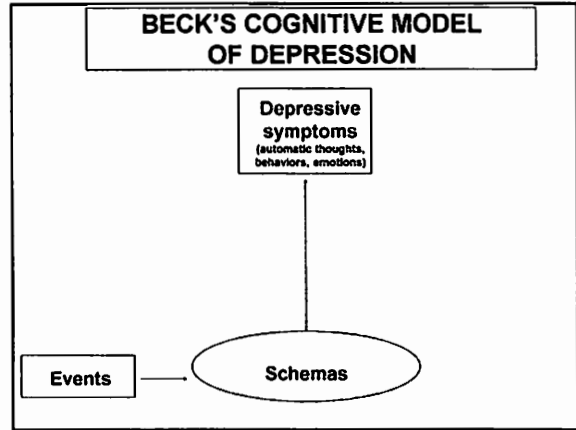
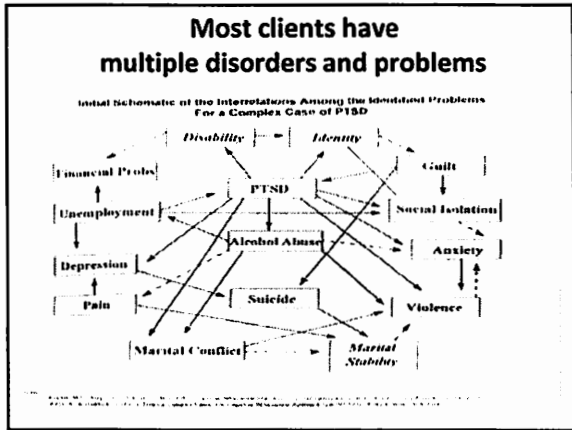


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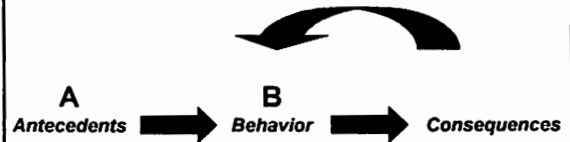
**No empirically-supported treatment is available for many disorders and problems**

- Most personality disorders
- Autism spectrum disorders
- Somatization disorders
- Dissociative disorders
- "I want to get married and have a family."

**Case Formulation-driven CBT  
can guide treatment when no  
EST exists**

- Steve, a young man who had psychogenic vomiting and mental retardation

**Formulation of Steve's case was based on a  
transdiagnostic model:  
OPERANT CONDITIONING**



**Functional Analysis**

Antecedents (A)	Behaviors (B) (actions, thoughts, or emotions)	Consequences (C)

**The A-B-C's of Change**

(A) Antecedents	(B) Behavior	(C) Consequences
Change behavior by adding antecedents that lead to wanted behavior, and removing antecedents that lead to unwanted behavior.	Change behaviors (actions, thoughts, or feelings) by practicing substituting desired behaviors for undesired behaviors.	Change the events that follow your behavior to reinforce desired behaviors and not reinforce undesired behaviors.

Adapted from: David L. Watson & Roland G. Tharp (2002). *Self-Directed Behavior: Self-Modification for Personal Adjustment*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth/Thomson Learning.

**Functional Analysis of  
Steve's Vomiting Behavior**

Antecedents (A)	Behaviors (B)	Consequences (C)
Boredom  Nothing to do  No meaningful relationships	Vomiting	Father cleans up vomit, takes patient to hospital and stays there with him for hours.  TV, couch, pampering at home.

**Treatment of Steve's Vomiting Behavior  
Based on the Functional Analysis**

Antecedents (A)	Behaviors (B)	Consequences (C)
Day treatment program	Vomiting	Clean up own vomit.  Father takes to hospital, then leaves.  No pampering at home after vomiting.

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### Thought Record

Date	Situation	Behavior	Emotions	Thoughts	Coping Responses
	Difficulty setting therapy session agenda		Anxious Apprehensive	I'll pick the wrong topic. The session won't help me. Therapy probably won't help me; I should try medications	

### Use the Conceptualization to Identify a Therapeutic Response to Clinically Relevant Behavior

Will you call my doctor and ask him to renew my Xanax prescription?



Client      Therapist

Adapted from Kohlenberg, R. J., & Tsai, M. (1991). *Functional analytic psychotherapy*

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### Large Proportions of Depressed Patients Do Not Respond to ESTs

Driessen et al., 2013 (< 50% reduction in HAM-D)	CBT 37% Psychodynamic 42%
Luty et al., 2007 < 60% change in Montgomery-Asberg Depression Rating Scale)	Interpersonal Therapy 59% CBT 49%
DeRubeis et al., 2005 16-wk HAM-D score of 12 or lower & either 14-wk score of 14 or lower or a 10- and 12-wk score of 12 or lower	42% CBT 42% Antidepressant Medication

### Most Change CBT for Depression Happens Early in Treatment

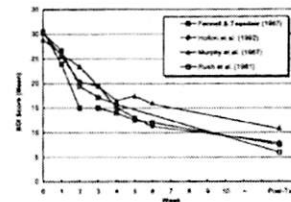
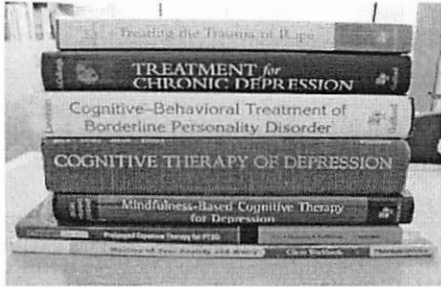


Figure 1. Temporal change in HAM-D scores in CBT for depression.

Ilardi & Craighead, 1994, *Clin Psychol Sci Prac* 1:138-156.

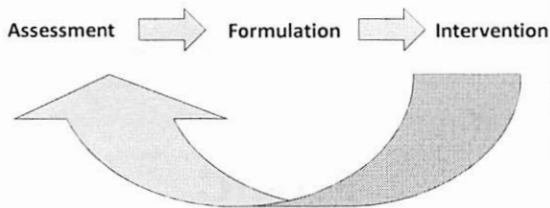
When the patient does not respond to the empirically-supported protocol, it is difficult to know what to do next.



The case formulation approach offers the therapist a way to address treatment failure

- Collect more assessment data
- Consider whether a different formulation might lead to different interventions that might lead to a better outcome

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A protocol is like a list of directions, whereas a formulation is like a map (if one route is blocked, the map helps you find others)



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✓ Idiographic Goals: The mother who wanted help using public bathrooms during her child's hospital stay








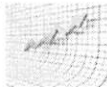
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## Empirical Foundations of case formulation-driven CBT



- EST-based formulations and interventions

## Cognitive Conceptualization of Panic

*Situation: Sitting in class thinking about final exam*

TRIGGER- I have a little difficulty breathing

AUTOMATIC THOUGHTS- Something is wrong. What if I panic?

EMOTION- Fear

SOMATIC SENSATIONS- Rapid breathing, muscle tension, palpitations

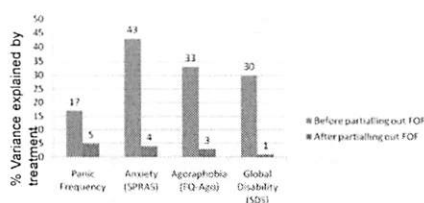
FOCUS ON SENSATIONS- How am I breathing? Is it getting worse?

INTENSIFICATION OF SENSATIONS

CATASTROPHIC INTERPRETATIONS- I'm suffocating! I might die!

# PANIC

## Change in Fear of Fear Accounts for Most of the Change Produced by CBT for Panic



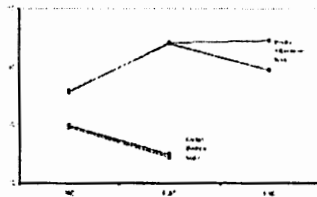
Smits et al., JCCP, 2004

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**Standardized vs Flexible Marital Therapy**  
Jacobson et al (1989)



**Modular treatment was more effective than standard protocol or TAU for depression, anxiety, and conduct problems in youth**  
[Weisz et al., 2012, Arch Gen Psychiatry]

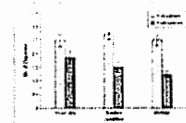


Figure 2. Superiority of modular treatment for youth with moderate to severe depression, anxiety, and conduct problems at the end of treatment. Results for depression, anxiety, and conduct problems are shown. Error bars represent 95% confidence intervals. \*p < .05. \*\*p < .01. \*\*\*p < .001.

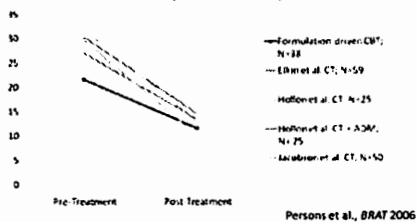
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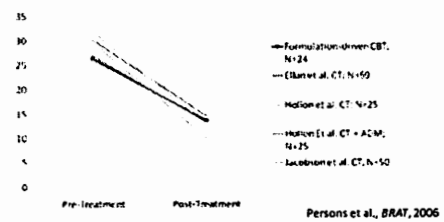
**Naturalistic case formulation-driven CBT for anxious depressed outpatients produces outcomes similar to those of RCTs for depression**

Persons, Roberts, Zalecki, & Brechwald, 2006, *Behaviour Research and Therapy*

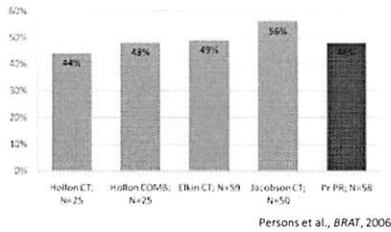
**Pre- and Post-treatment BDI in Formulation-driven and Standardized CBT for Anxious Depressed Outpatients**



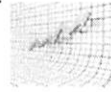
**Pre- and Post-treatment BDI in Formulation-driven and Standardized CBT When Initial BDI ≥ 20**



### Percent of Patients Who End Standardized and Formulation-driven CBT with BDI <10



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- Progress monitoring improves outcomes

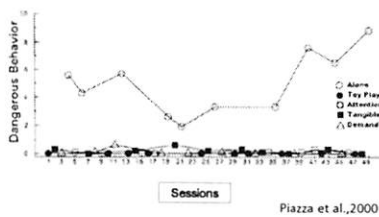
*An evaluation of the effects of matched stimuli on behaviors maintained by automatic reinforcement*

Piazza, Adelinis, Hanley, Goh, & Della, 2000, *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*

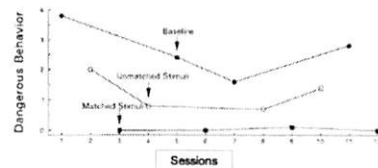
### Betsy

- 6 year old girl diagnosed with ADHD and severe mental retardation
- Hospitalized for treatment of dangerous behavior (e. g., climbing on furniture and jumping out of windows)

Functional analysis suggested that Betsy's behavior was automatically reinforced (via intrinsically rewarding kinesthetic sensations)



Betsy showed less dangerous behavior when stimuli provided kinesthetic stimulation similar to the dangerous behavior (Matched) than when they did not (Unmatched) and in the Baseline condition

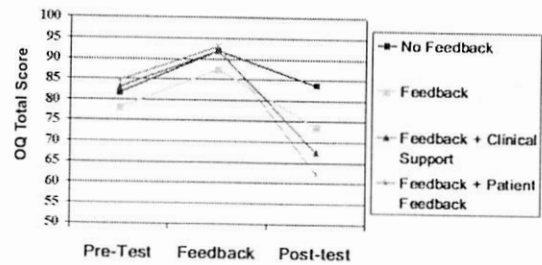


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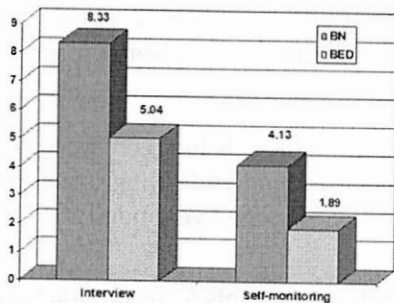


## Giving Therapists Feedback about Patients' Progress Improves Outcomes of Patients Who Have Initial Poor Outcome



Lambert et al. J Clin Psychol, 2005, 61:165-174

## Self-monitoring reduces frequency of binge eating



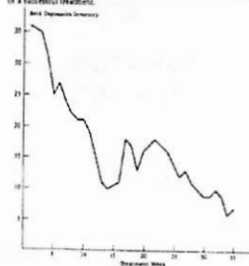
Mean weekly binges in participants with BN or BED reported during interviews and subsequent self-monitoring  
 Latner, J. D., & Wilson, G. T., *Behavior Therapy*, 2002.

The most important data are . . .



. . . progress monitoring data collected from every patient during treatment.

Figure 2.1 Change in Beck Depression Inventory score over the course of a 12-session treatment



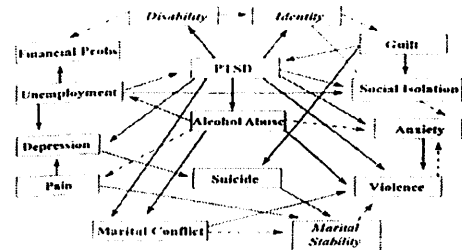
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## Three Levels of Formulation

- Symptom
- Disorder/Problem
- Case

A case consists of disorders and problems;  
most disorders and problems consist of symptoms

Initial Schematic of the Interrelations Among the Identified Problems  
For a Complex Case of PTSD



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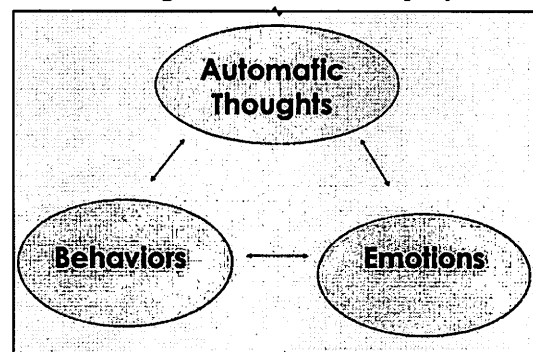
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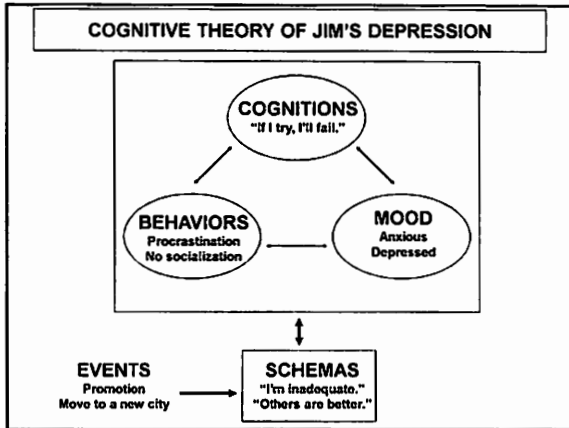
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## Beck's Cognitive Model of Symptoms





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	Severe and/or unremitting depression/pain/distress	Urges to commit suicide, suicidal behavior	hopeless ness	This pain will never end.	Anti- hopelessness interventions; behavioral experiment to test belief, "I will never enjoy anything again."

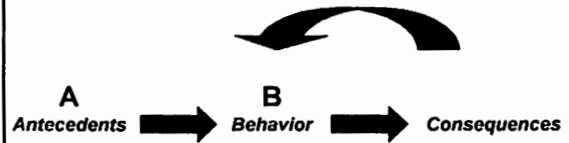
# Thought Record

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**OPERANT CONDITIONING MODEL OF BEHAVIOR**



**Formulating Suicidal Behavior Using Operant Conditioning**

Antecedents (A)	Behaviors (B) (actions, thoughts, or emotions)	Consequences (C)
Overwhelming problems	Suicidal behavior	Hospitalization (escape from problems)

**Treating Suicidal Behavior Using Operant Conditioning**

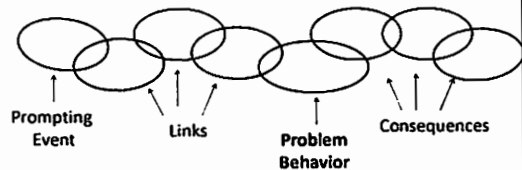
Antecedents (A)	Behaviors (B) (actions, thoughts, or emotions)	Consequences (C)
Reduce/help the person solve the problems	Teach adaptive problem-solving and help-requesting skills	Prevent hospitalization, respond immediately to adaptive requests for help

**Another clinical application of operant conditioning**

**Behavioral chain and solution analysis**

**Chain Analysis of Problem Behavior**

Vulnerabilities: \_\_\_\_\_





## **Behavioral Chain and Solution Analysis**

**Work with the patient to . . .**

- 1. Identify a problem behavior (B) that occurred at a particular time**
- 2. Identify antecedents (As) and consequences (Cs) of the B**
- 3. Identify alternate As that do not lead to B**
- 4. Obtain a commitment to do the alternate As**

Linehan, 1993. *CBT for Borderline Personality Disorder*



# Chain Analysis

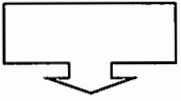
Describe the problem behavior in detail \_\_\_\_\_

What things in myself or my environment made me vulnerable?

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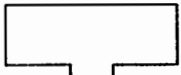
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What event (in the environment) started the chain?

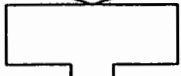


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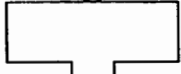
What happened next? (events in the environment; my behaviors, thoughts, emotions, body sensations)



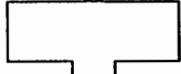
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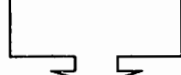
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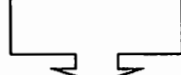
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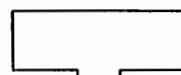


9<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_



10<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

What happened after the problem behavior? (events; my behaviors, thoughts, emotions, body sensations)



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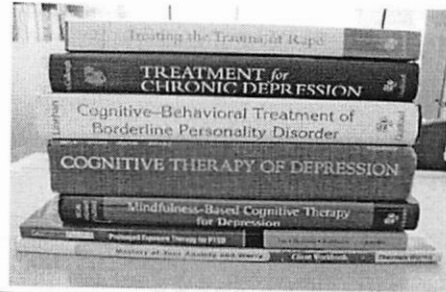
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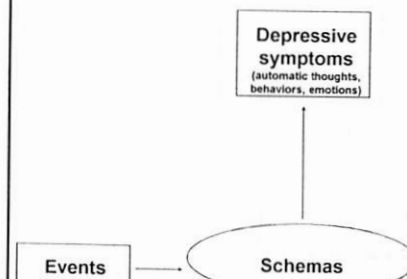
To develop a disorder formulation, start with the Empirically-supported Treatments (ESTs)



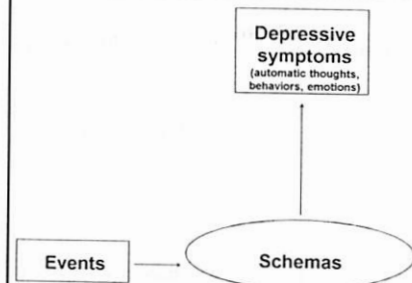
To Develop a Disorder Formulation, Start with the ESTs

- Most ESTs treat a disorder.
- The EST is based on a formulation of the disorder.
- The formulation describes psychological mechanisms (e.g., schemas, contingencies, skill deficits) that cause and maintain the symptoms of the disorder.
- The EST protocol describes interventions that change the symptoms by changing the mechanisms.

## BECK'S COGNITIVE FORMULATION OF DEPRESSION



## Mechanisms/Treatment Targets in COGNITIVE THERAPY FOR DEPRESSION



## Cognitive Formulation of Panic

*Situation: Sitting in class thinking about final exam*

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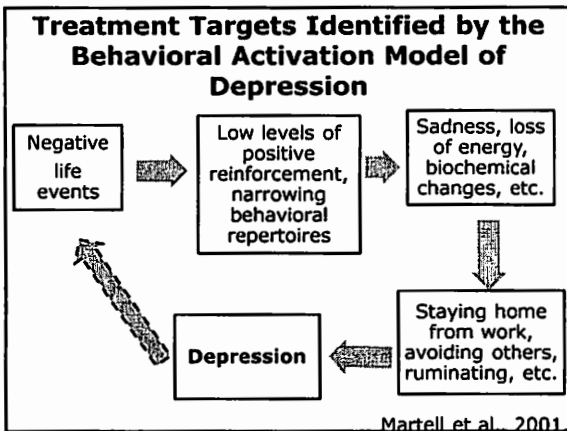
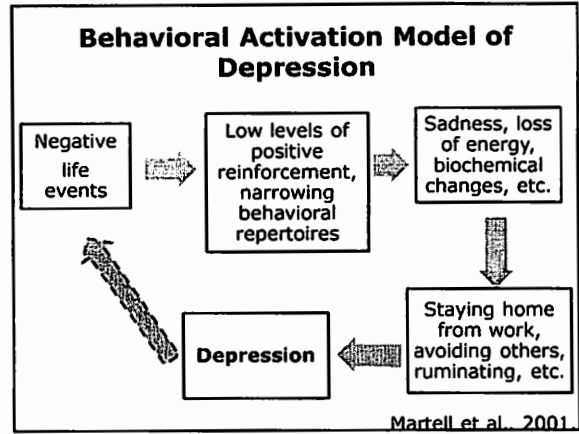
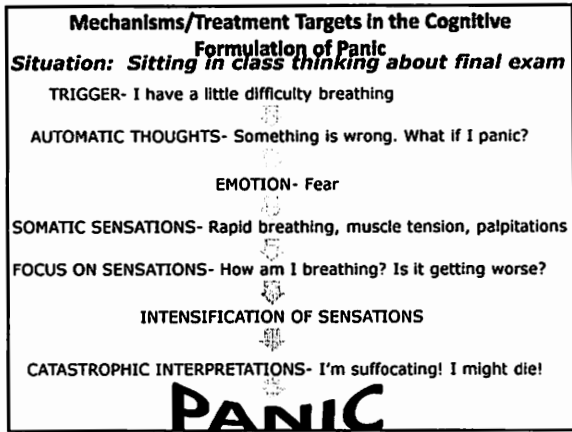
SOMATIC SENSATIONS- Rapid breathing, muscle tension, palpitations

FOCUS ON SENSATIONS- How am I breathing? Is it getting worse?

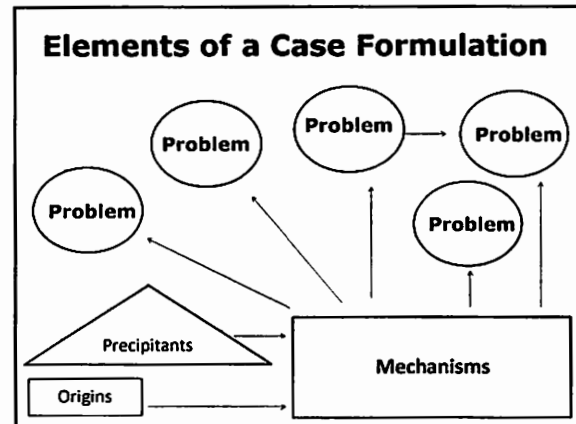
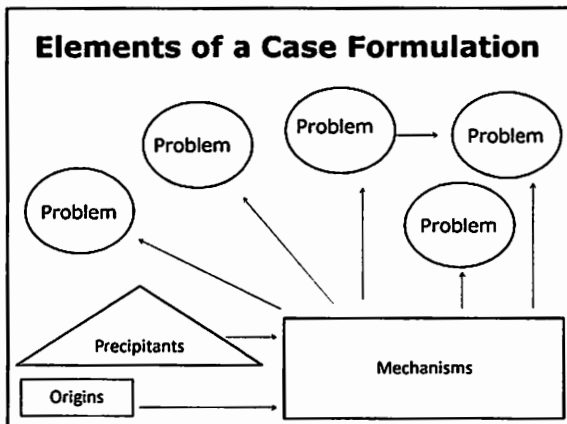
INTENSIFICATION OF SENSATIONS

CATASTROPHIC INTERPRETATIONS- I'm suffocating! I might die!

**PANIC**



- Three Levels of Formulation**
- Symptom
  - Disorder/Problem
  - Case



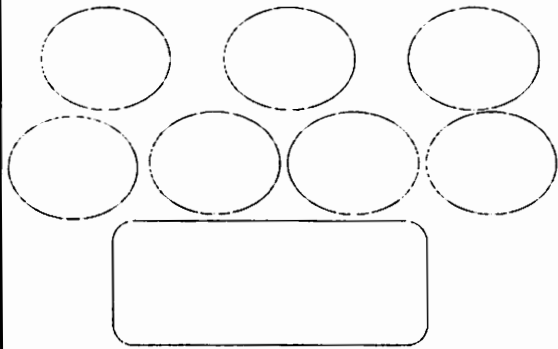
### A problem is

... a symptom or disorder or difficulty that is observable/behavioral. E.g., suicidal rumination, OCD, marital fighting and other difficulties, substance abuse, panic attacks.

### A mechanism is

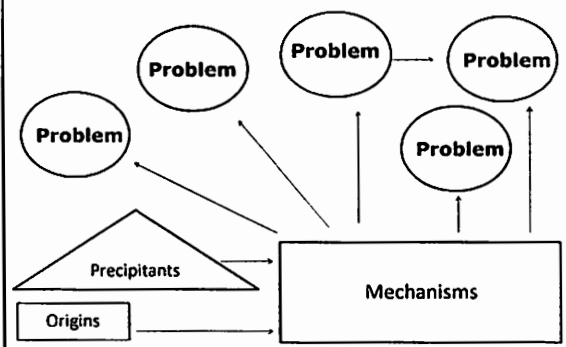
... a biological or psychological construct (e.g., maladaptive schemas, problematic contingencies, perfectionism, intolerance of uncertainty) that causes and/or maintains the person's problems

### The Case Formulation



### Obtaining a Comprehensive Problem List

### Elements of a Case Formulation



### Domains Assessed to Create a Comprehensive Problem List

- Psychological/psychiatric disorders and symptoms
- Medical disorders and symptoms
- Interpersonal
- Work
- Finances
- Housing
- Legal
- Leisure
- Healthcare difficulties

## Guidelines for Developing a Problem List

- Develop a comprehensive list.
- Name each problem in one or two words. "Work dissatisfaction."
- Describe emotion, behavioral, and cognitive components. "Feels worthless, avoids work and thinks, 'I'm going to fail at that project.'"
- Strive for a mutually agreed-upon Problem List.

## Priority Order of Problems

1. Suicidal and self-harming behaviors
2. Therapy-interfering behaviors
3. Quality-of-life interfering behaviors
4. Other problems

## Quality-of-life-interfering Behaviors

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| • Severe substance abuse  | • Illness-related dysfunctional behaviors (inability to get proper medical care; not taking medications)          |
| • High-risk sexual behavior   |   |
| • Criminal behaviors that may lead to jail  | • Housing-related dysfunctional behaviors (living in shelters, cars, or overcrowded housing)                      |
| • Serious dysfunctional interpersonal behaviors (choosing abusive partners, ending relationships prematurely)           | • Mental-health-related dysfunctional behaviors (going into psychiatric hospitals)                                |
| • Employment – or school-related dysfunctional behaviors (quitting jobs or school; inability to look for or find a job) | • Mental-disorder-related dysfunctional patterns (behaviors that meet criteria for other severe mental disorders) |

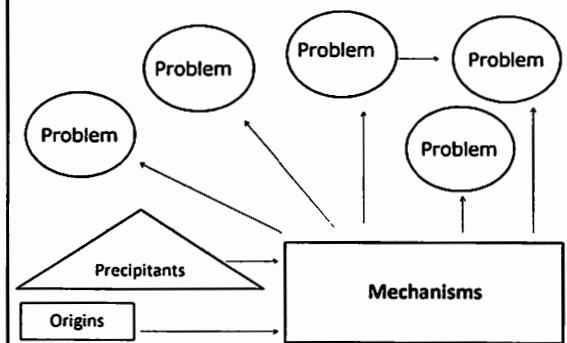
Adapted from Linehan, M. M. (1993). Cognitive-behavioral treatment of borderline personality disorder

## Intake Measures Used at the Oakland CBT Center

- Adult Intake Questionnaire
- Diagnostic Screen
- Depression Anxiety Stress Scales (DASS)
- PHQ9
- Functioning and Satisfaction Inventory (FSI)
- Obsessive Beliefs Questionnaire
- A scale assessing social support
- Perseverative Thinking Questionnaire
- <https://oaklandcbt.com/intake-forms>

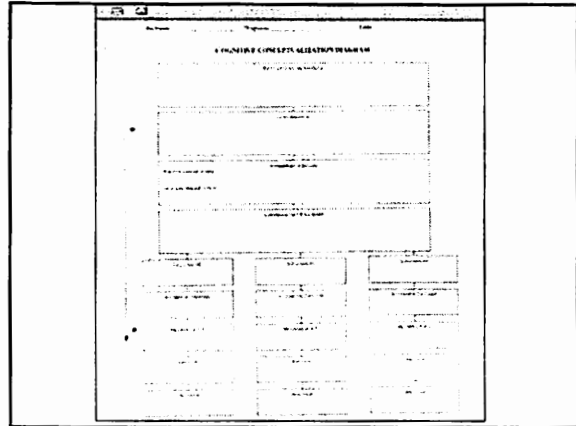
## Developing a Mechanism Hypothesis

## Elements of a Case Formulation



## Tools to Help Develop Mechanism Hypotheses

- Thought Records
- Behavioral Chain analysis form
- Beck's Cognitive Conceptualization Diagram
- Behavioral Chain analysis form
- Standardized tools (e. g., Obsessive Beliefs Questionnaire, Perseverative Thinking Questionnaire); available at <https://oaklandcbt.com/forms-and-tools-for-clinicians>



## A strategy for developing a case-level formulation

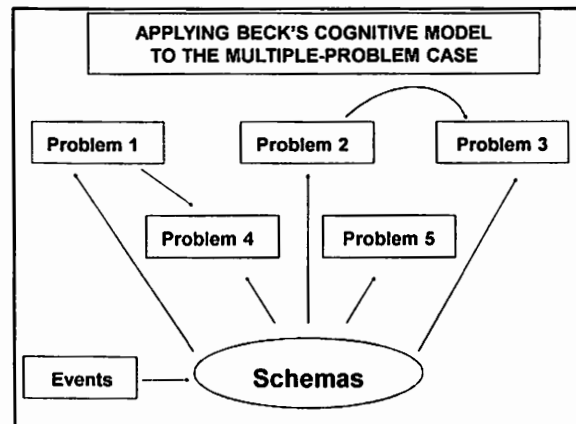
Extend a symptom or disorder formulation to account for all of the patient's problems and disorders

## Functional Analysis of Steve's Vomiting Behavior

Antecedents (A)	Behaviors (B)	Consequences (C)
Boredom	Vomiting	Stimulation, activity Special treatment (TV, couch) Attention from father
Nothing to do		
No meaningful relationships		

## A strategy for developing a case formulation based on Beck's cognitive model

Extend Beck's formulation of depressive disorder to account for all of the patient's problems and disorders





## Audiotape Exercise

Develop an initial formulation of the case of Judy using Beck's cognitive model

## EXERCISE



Use Beck's cognitive model.

Listen to the first 12 minutes of the initial interview with "Judy" and develop hypotheses about:

- Problems
- Schemas of "Self" and "Others"

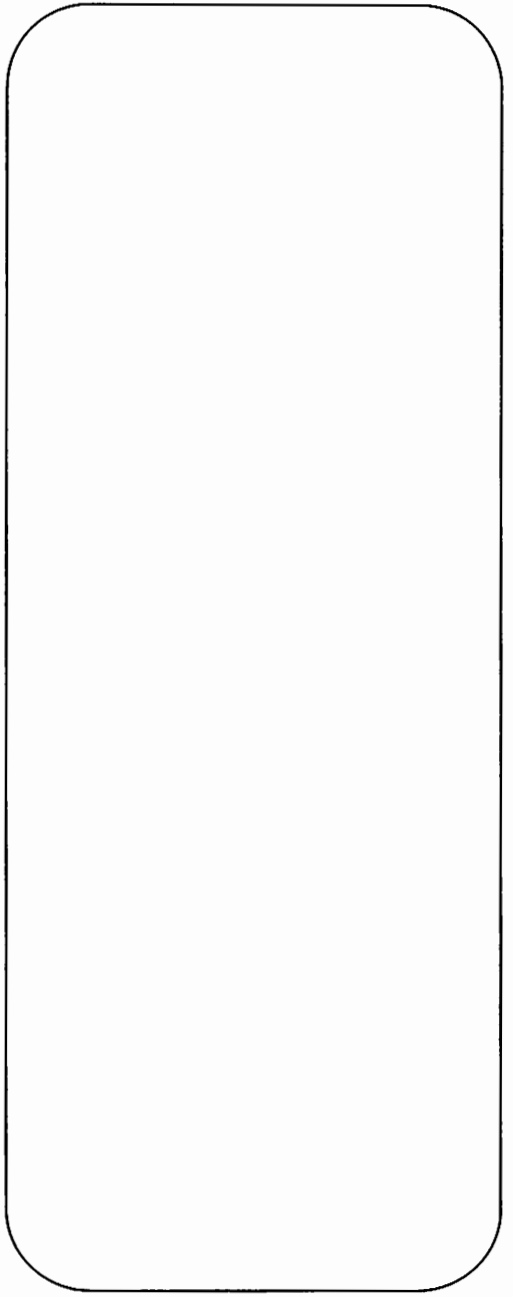
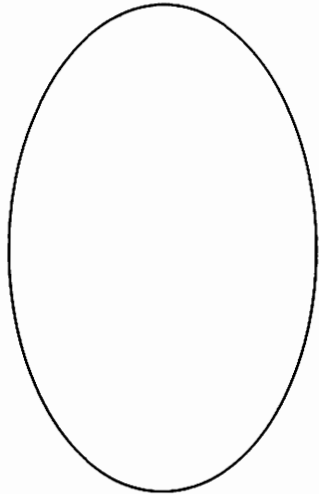
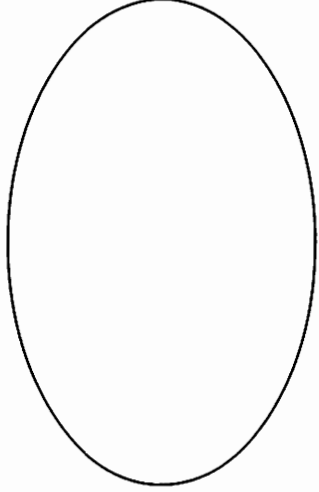
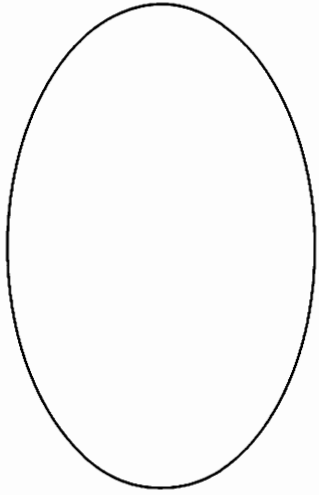
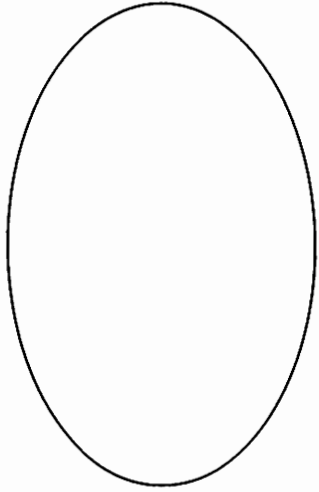
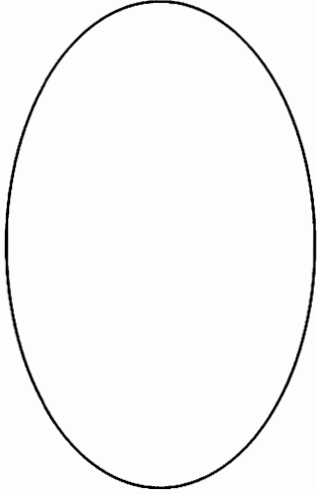
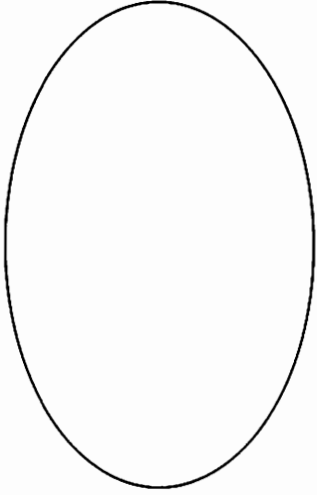
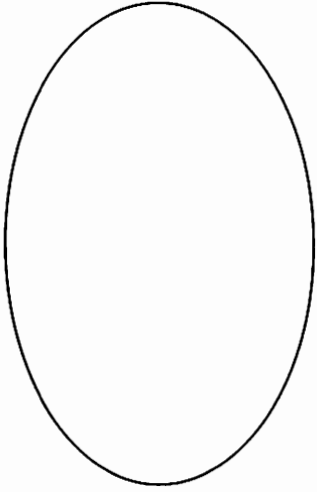
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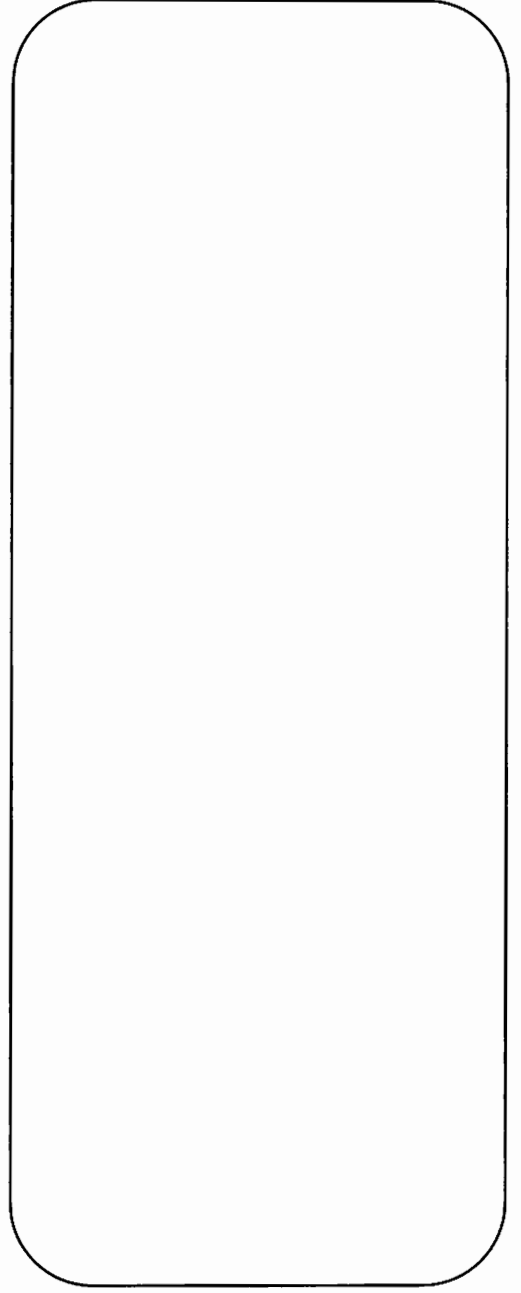
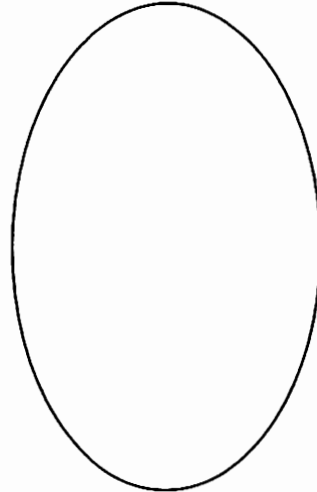
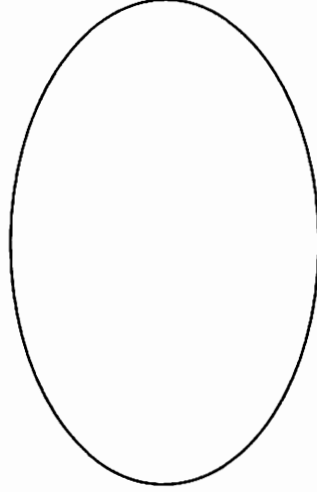
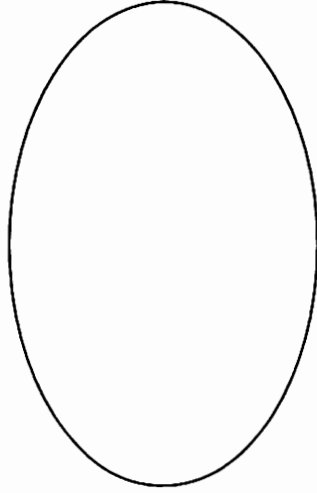
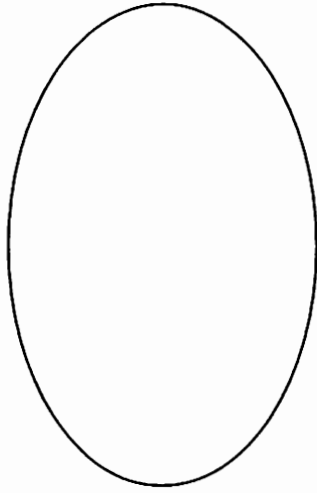
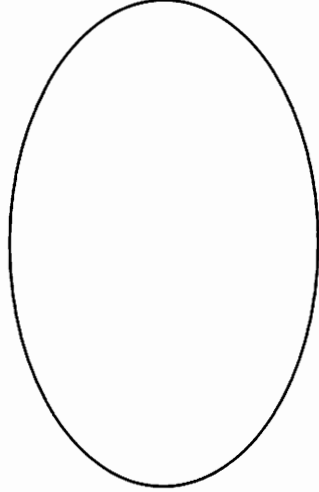
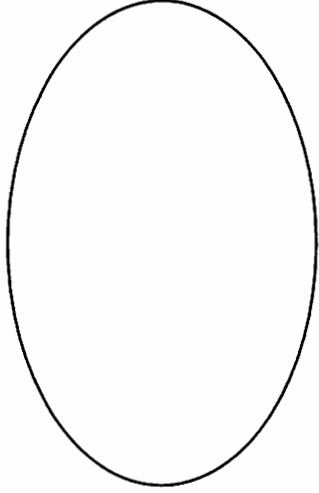
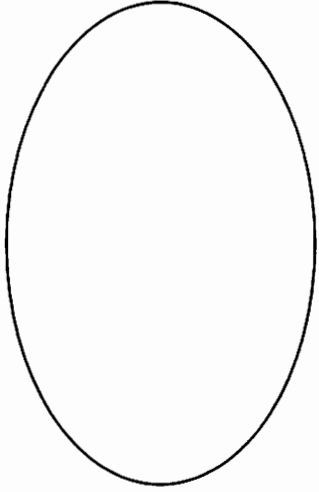
Develop a Formulation of the Case of Judy

- Work with your neighbor
- Identify as many problems as you can
- Propose hypotheses about schemas of Self and Others

Case Formulation for \_\_\_\_\_

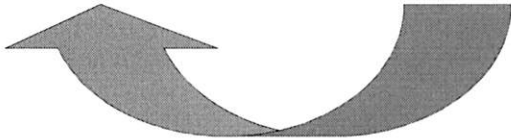


Case Formulation for \_\_\_\_\_



## Using the Case Formulation to Guide Intervention

Assessment → Formulation → Intervention



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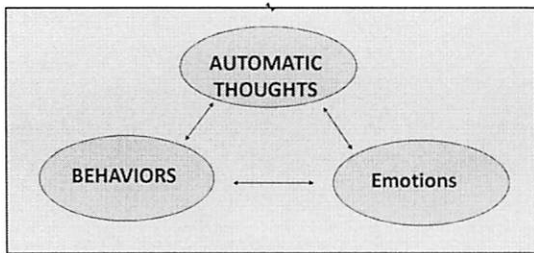
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## TREATMENT TARGETS Identified by Beck's Cognitive Theory



Events → SCHEMAS

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## Interventions in Beck's Cognitive Therapy

- Behavioral activity scheduling
- Cognitive restructuring
- Behavioral experiments
- Positive data log
- Continuum method
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## ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

	<b>MONDAY</b> DATE:	<b>TUESDAY</b> DATE:	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> DATE:	<b>THURSDAY</b> DATE:	<b>FRIDAY</b> DATE:	<b>SATURDAY</b> DATE:	<b>SUNDAY</b> DATE:
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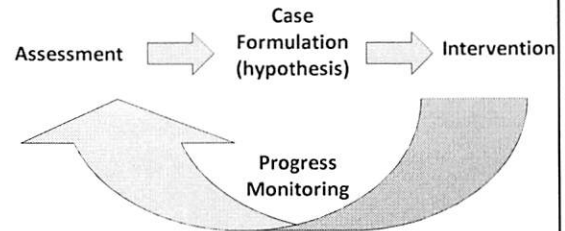
# Thought Record

DATE	<b>SITUATION</b> (Event, memory, attempt to do something, etc.)	<b>BEHAVIOR(S)</b>	<b>EMOTIONS</b>	<b>THOUGHTS</b>	<b>COPING RESPONSES</b>



- Why do case formulation-guided CBT?
- Empirical foundations
- Formulation and intervention 
- **Progress monitoring**  
- Using the formulation and progress monitoring to guide treatment

## A Case Formulation-driven Approach to Cognitive-behavior Therapy



## Dr. Beck's account of the development of cognitive therapy



## Outcome and Process

- **Outcome**
  - Symptoms (e.g., DASS, PHQ9)
  - Behaviors (e.g., binges or panic attacks or late arrival at work)
- **Process includes . . .**
  - Psychological mechanisms (e.g., perfectionism, self-criticism, intolerance of uncertainty)
  - The therapeutic alliance
  - What the client reports s/he is learning
  - Compliance

## Progress Monitoring Defined



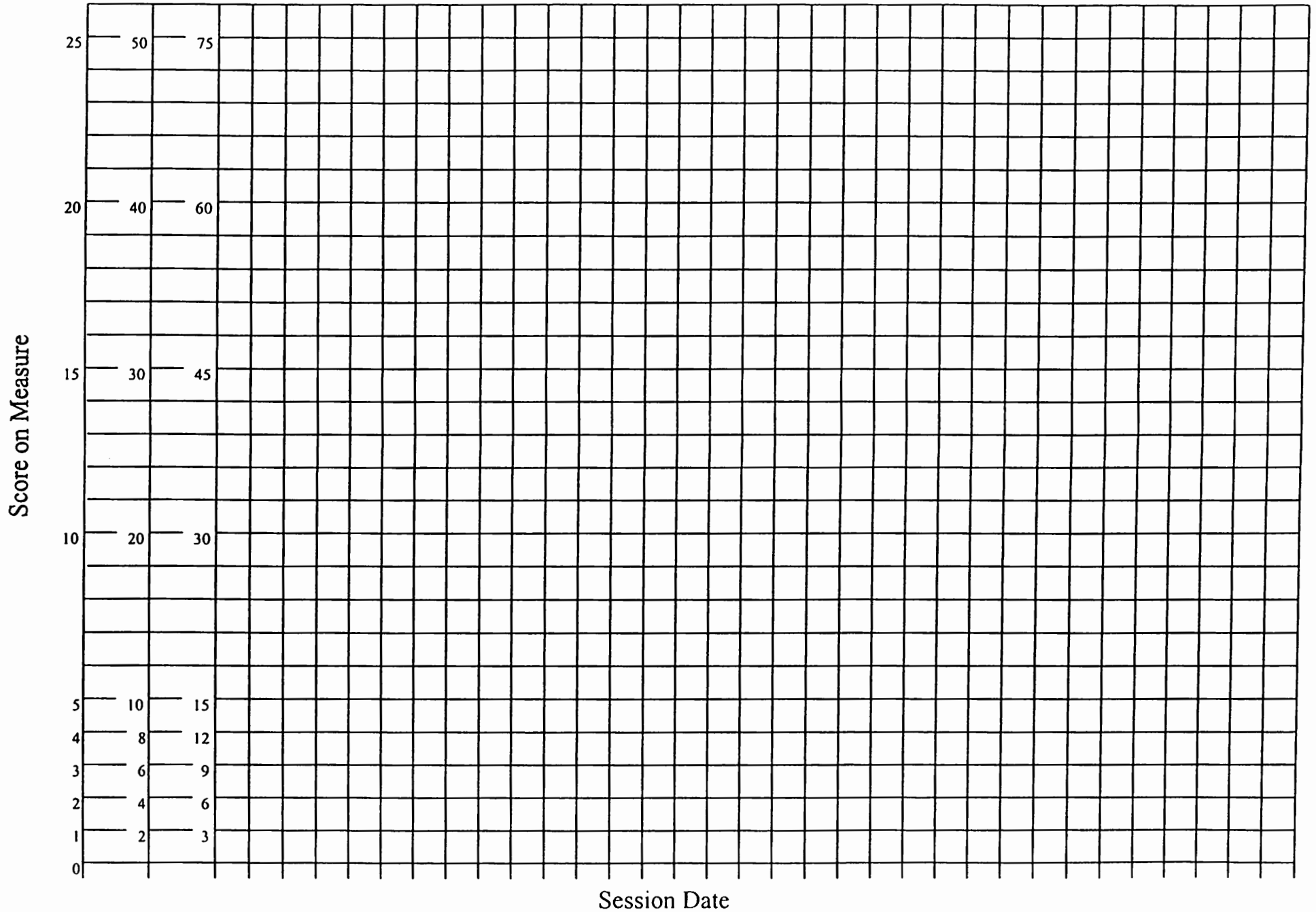
An outcome scale and/or a process scale are completed

- in writing or online
- before every therapy session
- reviewed in session and used to guide treatment

## Completing a standardized scale in the waiting room before the session



Progress Plot for \_\_\_\_\_





## Your Progress Monitoring



- Were you were trained to do this?
- Do you do this in:
  - Every session
  - Half of sessions
  - Less than half of sessions
  - Not at all

## Tools to Monitor Outcome

Provided in the handouts:

- Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9)
- Daily Log
- MOOD Chart

Additional tools, including the Depression Anxiety Stress Subscales (DASS) and Excel scoring tool, are at <https://oaklandcibt.com/forms-and-tools-for-clinicians>



## PATIENT HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE PHQ-9 FOR DEPRESSION

### USING PHQ-9 DIAGNOSIS AND SCORE FOR INITIAL TREATMENT SELECTION

A depression diagnosis that warrants treatment or treatment change, needs at least one of the first two questions endorsed as positive (*little pleasure, feeling depressed*) indicating the symptom has been present more than half the time in the past two weeks.

In addition, the tenth question about difficulty at work or home or getting along with others should be answered at least "somewhat difficult."

When a depression diagnosis has been made, patient preferences should be considered, especially when choosing between treatment recommendations of antidepressant treatment and psychotherapy.

PHQ-9 Score	Provisional Diagnosis	Treatment Recommendation
5-9	Minimal symptoms*	Support, educate to call if worse; return in 1 month.
10-14	Minor depression ††	Support, watchful waiting
	Dysthymia*	Antidepressant or psychotherapy
	Major depression, <i>mild</i>	Antidepressant or psychotherapy
15-19	Major depression, <i>moderately severe</i>	Antidepressant or psychotherapy
≥ 20	Major depression, <i>severe</i>	Antidepressant <u>and</u> psychotherapy (especially if not improved on monotherapy)

\* If symptoms present ≥ two years, then probable chronic depression which warrants antidepressant or psychotherapy (ask, "*In the past 2 years have you felt depressed or sad most days, even if you felt okay sometimes?*").

†† If symptoms present ≥ one month or severe functional impairment, consider active treatment.

# PATIENT HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE-9 (PHQ-9)

Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?  
(Use "✓" to indicate your answer)

	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
1. Little interest or pleasure in doing things	0	1	2	3
2. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless	0	1	2	3
3. Trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much	0	1	2	3
4. Feeling tired or having little energy	0	1	2	3
5. Poor appetite or overeating	0	1	2	3
6. Feeling bad about yourself — or that you are a failure or have let yourself or your family down	0	1	2	3
7. Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching television	0	1	2	3
8. Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed? Or the opposite — being so fidgety or restless that you have been moving around a lot more than usual	0	1	2	3
9. Thoughts that you would be better off dead or of hurting yourself in some way	0	1	2	3

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=Total Score:     

If you checked off any problems, how difficult have these problems made it for you to do your work, take care of things at home, or get along with other people?

Not difficult at all	Somewhat difficult	Very difficult	Extremely difficult
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

MONTH:

# MOOD CHART

NAME:

Day of the Month		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31						
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## Session Assignment and Feedback Form (SAFF)

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Next Session \_\_\_\_\_

Assignments	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	S

***Please complete during or immediately after the session***

What are 1 or 2 things you want to remember from the session?

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In the session . . . .	Not at all	A little	Moderately	Quite a bit	Very much	Extremely
1. I felt uncomfortable with my therapist.	0	1	2	3	4	5
2. My therapist and I were in total agreement about how we worked on my problems.	0	1	2	3	4	5
3. I felt confident that I made progress toward my therapy goals.	0	1	2	3	4	5
4. I felt certain that my therapist and I were in complete agreement about my therapy goals.	0	1	2	3	4	5

***Please complete just before the next session***

	I didn't do any	Not at all	A little	Moderately	Quite a bit	Very much	Completely
How helpful were any of the assignments you did?	0	1	2	3	4	5	5

What skills did you use during the last week?

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mindfulness<br><input type="checkbox"/> Self-care<br><input type="checkbox"/> Focus on the CB model of your problems<br><input type="checkbox"/> Self-monitoring<br><input type="checkbox"/> Activity scheduling | <input type="checkbox"/> Problem-solving<br><input type="checkbox"/> Opposite action<br><input type="checkbox"/> Access social support<br><input type="checkbox"/> Test/change thoughts/beliefs<br><input type="checkbox"/> Interpersonal effectiveness<br><input type="checkbox"/> Acceptance | <input type="checkbox"/> Focus on goals and values<br><input type="checkbox"/> Focus on positives<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> None |
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	Not at all	A little	Moderately	Quite a bit	Very much	Completely
Are you confident you can use these skills when you need them?	0	1	2	3	4	5

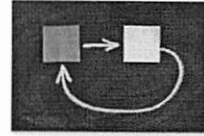
What do you want to discuss next session?

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## The SAFF Gives Feedback about Therapy Process



- Skills and concepts patient is learning
- Homework compliance
- Perceived helpfulness of homework
- Strength of the alliance
- Patient perception of session helpfulness
- Patient perception of progress

## How to Use the SAFF

- Ask patient to complete SAFF and bring to next session
- At the beginning of the next session:
  - copy SAFF and return original to the patient
  - review SAFF with patient
  - use SAFF data to set agenda and guide decision-making
- Collect in tandem with an outcome measure

## **Assessment Tools Useful for Developing Formulation (Mechanism) Hypotheses**

### **Collections of Measures**

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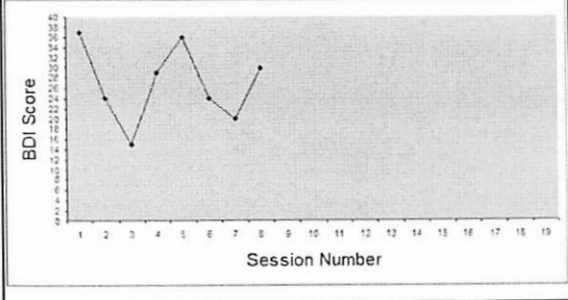
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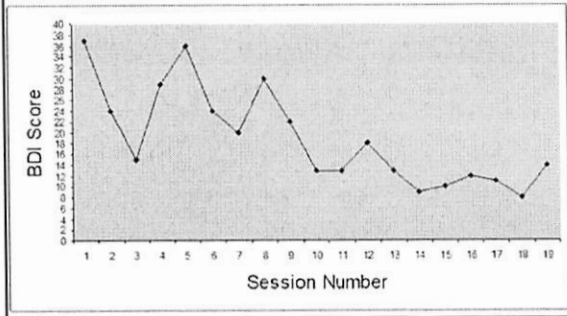
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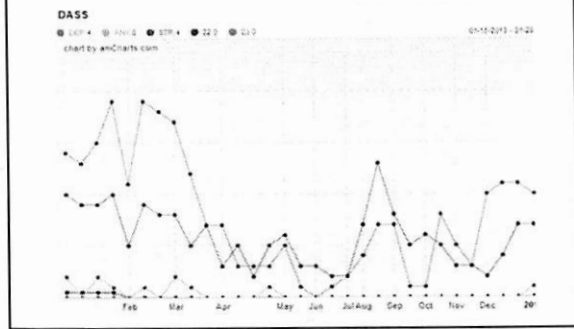
## Using Outcome Monitoring to Help the Therapist Stay on Track (regulate her emotions)



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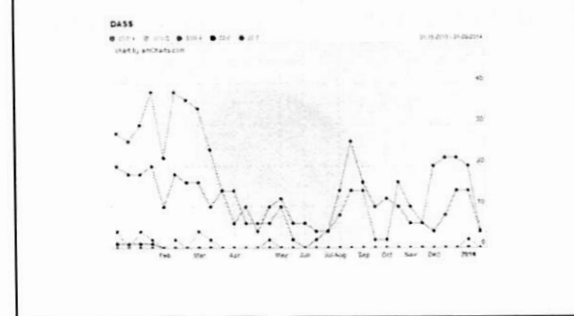


## Outcome Monitoring Data "Mr. I am not doing enough"



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## Outcome Monitoring Data "Mr. I am not doing enough"





**Session Management and Feedback Form (SMFF)**

Client Name and Session #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Therapist Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Session Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Session Objectives: \_\_\_\_\_

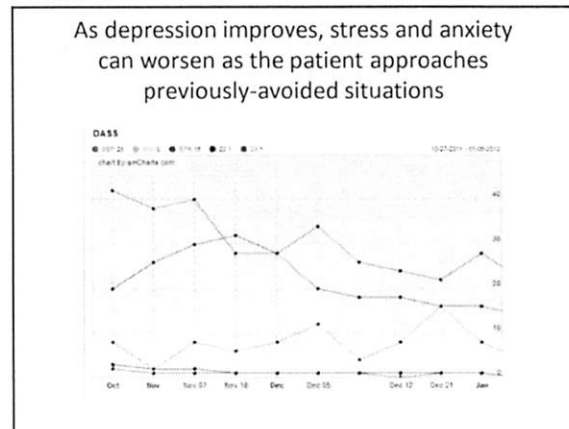
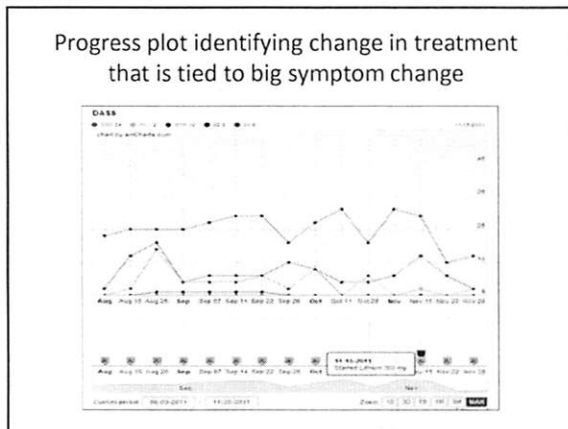
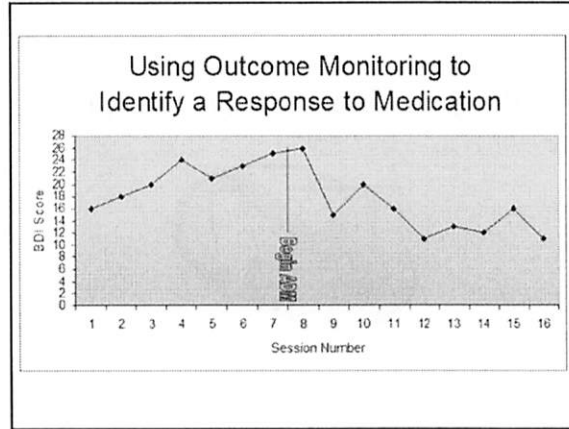
Session Summary: \_\_\_\_\_

Client Feedback: \_\_\_\_\_

Therapist Feedback: \_\_\_\_\_

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### VIDEO DEMONSTRATIONS:

#### Obtaining progress monitoring data from the noncompliant client

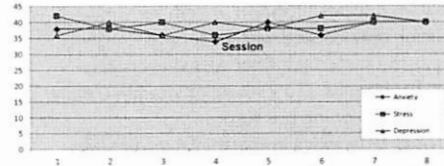
### EXERCISE: Obtaining progress monitoring data from your noncompliant client

- Pair up. One be client, one be therapist
- Use the PHQ9 in your handouts
- Client did not do the measure before the session
- Therapist asks the client to do the measure at the beginning of the session

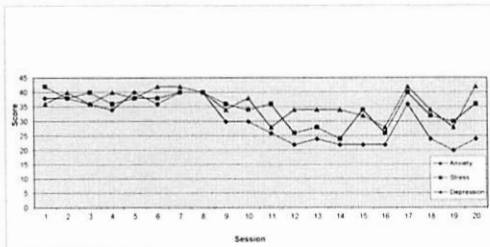


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Weekly scores on the DASS show that Ms. ADHD is not making progress in treatment



Intensive Focus on Attendance and Medication Compliance Led to Improvement for Ms. ADHD



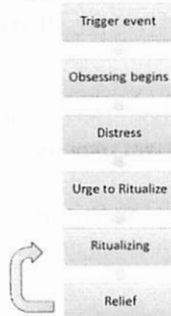
Using the formulation and progress monitoring data to overcome treatment failure



Mr. "I might have cancer"

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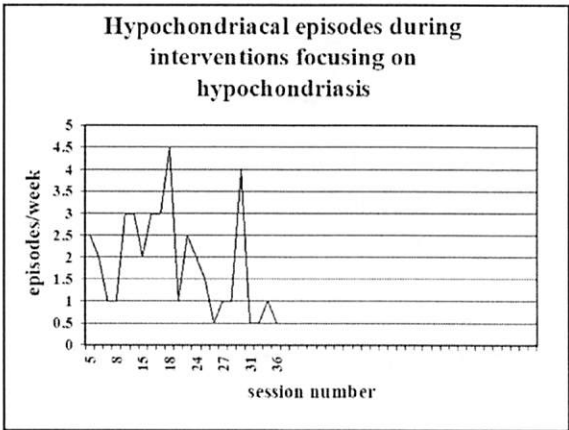
Initial Formulation and Treatment Plan (E/RP for OCD)



Exposure Hierarchy – Fear of Cancer

- 100+ asking all questions of M.D.
- 100 - reading about bladder cancer - "80%" statistic
- 80 - reading about colon cancer
- 60 - reading about breast cancer
- 30 - reading about skin cancer
- 25 - looking at urine sample container
- 10 - saying aloud: "I was diagnosed with bladder cancer and the cancer was surgically removed."

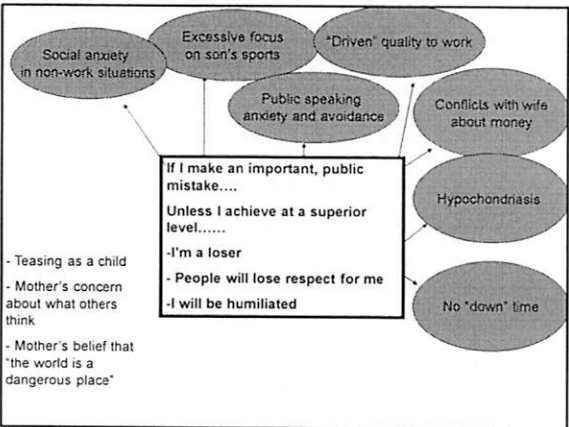
- ### Health-Related Rituals
- Weigh myself daily
  - Changed shampoo brand
  - Rinse shampoo quickly
  - I don't breathe hairspray vapors
  - Installed water filtration system for showers
  - I drink only bottled water
  - I eat the same high fiber cereal every day
  - I take vitamins and 250 mg of vitamin C daily
  - I avoid breathing bus fumes
  - I avoid fatty foods and artificial sweeteners
  - I don't drink caffeine
  - I try to eat a lot of fruits and vegetables



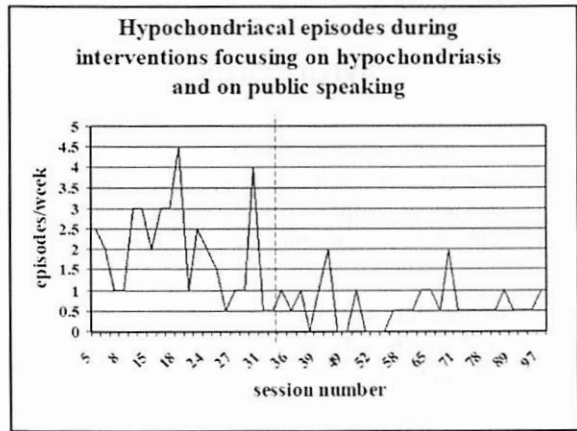
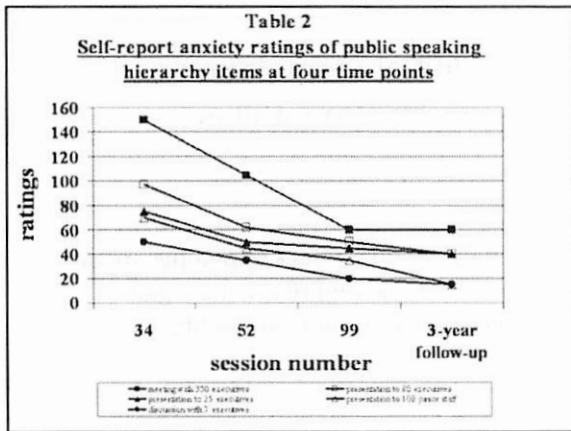
- ### Collecting Additional Assessment Data to Revise the Formulation
- Thought Record identified a new core fear
  - Comprehensive Problem List and diagnostic assessment identified an additional DSM disorder
  - Information about origins of the problem supported the new core fear hypothesis

### Thought Record

Date	Situation	Behavior(s)	Emotions	Thoughts	Coping Responses
	Colleague says, "Oh you're sick again."			It could be cancer. ↓ I'll miss work. ↓ I'll drop a ball. ↓ I'll lose my job. ↓ I'll be humiliated.	



- ### Revised Formulation and Treatment Plan
- Revised formulation: The fear underpinning hypochondriasis was of humiliation, not cancer
  - Revised treatment plan targeted fear of humiliation and focused on public speaking situations

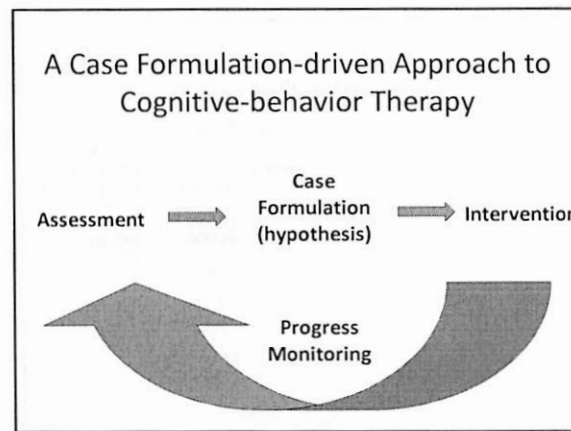


- ### Conclusions
- Initial poor outcome led to additional assessment, which led to . . .
  - Revised diagnosis and formulation, which led to . . .
  - New treatment targets and interventions, which led to . . .
  - Ultimate good treatment outcome.

### Using the Formulation and Progress Monitoring to Overcome Treatment Failure

**Mr. "I might be making the wrong choice"**

Persons, J. E. (1990). Disputing irrational thoughts can be avoidance behavior: A case report. *the Behavior Therapist*, 13, 132-133.



### Jim

- 24 year old white single male
- just beginning graduate school
- attending a medium-rank university (not accepted to a top school)
- his father was chronically depressed and miserable at work

## Symptoms

- **Anxiety:** anxious feelings, worry, fears of bad things happening, muscle tension, difficulty concentrating, fatigue
- **Depression:** sad and blue, feeling inadequate, self-critical thoughts, not enjoying things, insomnia

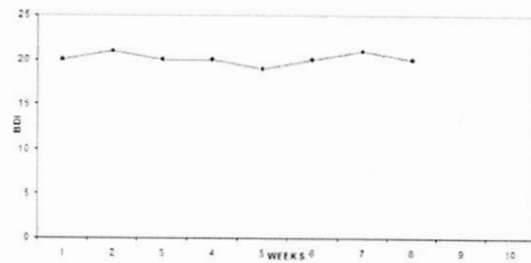
## Initial Formulation and Treatment Plan . . .

were based on Beck's cognitive model and emphasized restructuring of negative automatic thoughts

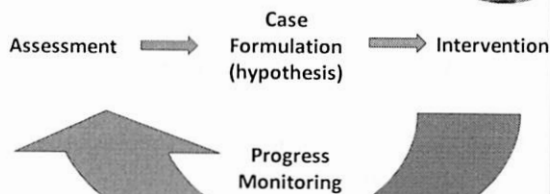
## Thought Record

Date	Situation	Behavior	Emotion	Thoughts	Coping Responses
	IN CLASS, FEELING BORED		ANXIETY DEPRESSION	MAYBE I CHOSE THE WRONG SCHOOL.  I CAN'T BE HAPPY HERE.  MAYBE I SHOULD WITHDRAW AND APPLY AGAIN NEXT YEAR.	I CAN REVIEW MY DECISION IN A SYSTEMATIC WAY.  ACTION PLAN: LIST ADVANTAGES & DISADV OF STAYING HERE VS LEAVING.

## Jim's Progress in Treatment

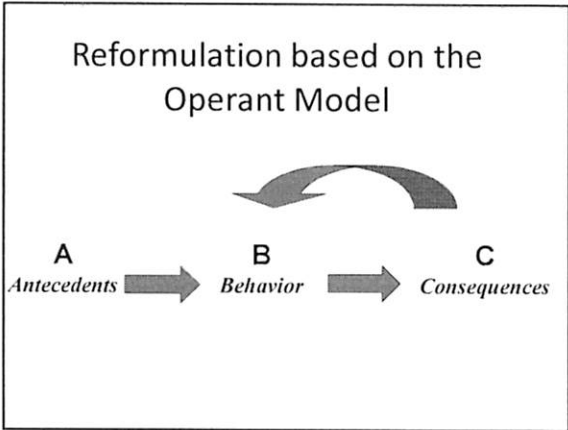


Jackie's Responses to Jim's Lack of Progress:  
Consultation to get a new formulation and intervention ideas



## Thought Record

Date	Situation	Behavior	Emotion	Thoughts	Coping Responses
	AT A PARTY		ANXIETY	I FEEL ANXIOUS.  I DON'T FIT IN HERE.  I CAN'T ENJOY THIS IF I FEEL ANXIOUS.  I NEED TO LEAVE.	I CAN GO HOME TO DO A THOUGHT RECORD AND I WILL FEEL BETTER.



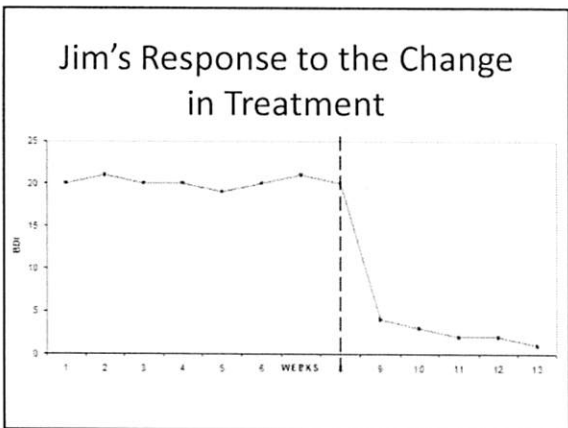
### Functional Analysis of Jim's Behavior

Antecedents (A)	Behaviors (B)	Consequences (C)
Party where he did not know anyone and felt anxious	Leave the party and go home to do a Thought Record	Reduction of anxiety in the short run Disengagement, depression, loss of confidence in the long run






### New Treatment Plan Based on the Functional Analysis of Jim's Behavior

Antecedents (A)	Behaviors (B)	Consequences (C)
Classes Homework assignments Social events (all events at graduate school)	Engage and participate. Normalize anxiety and tolerate it. Stop obsessing about leaving.	?





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**EXERCISE**

**With your neighbor:**

1. Review the goals you set for yourself.  
Did you meet them? (2 min)
2. Review your list of action items. (2 min)

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**THANK YOU!**

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