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President's Message

Two Meetings and a Move

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As your President, it was my pleasure to represent ABCT at two major professional meetings over the past 2 months. In this column, I provide selective highlights.

The first was the 163rd annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association, convened in New Orleans, May 22–26 (theme: “Pride and Promise: Toward a New Psychiatry”). Our upcoming meeting in San Francisco will be our 44th, so this APA obviously has much more experience with annual meetings and there are things we can learn from them. I was most impressed by their efforts at outreach and dissemination, topics near and dear to our hearts, which I summarize in brief here. First, I was among the nearly 200 Presidents of U.S. and International Allied Organizations offered a complimentary registration to attend the conference, the opening ceremony, and a special reception that followed. Second, I was impressed by the sessions that featured prominent individuals who had struggled with significant mental health problems and been aided by treatment. Carrie Fisher, a well-known actress and leading mental health advocate, gave a talk that captivated the audience, as did Terry Bradshaw, NFL Hall of Famer and four-time Super Bowl champ and TV sports analyst, who was featured in a “Conversations” spot. Third, “Daily Bulletins” were printed and widely distributed at the conference site and hotels, highlighting key events of prior day. Fourth, APA made a donation to a local mission.

An interesting innovation was a company (iPosters) that printed and delivered posters on-site for a fee. These electronic copies were posted online for later browsing.

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All of the above requires deep pockets, pockets far deeper than ours, but they illustrate possibilities for the future should our coffers grow substantially. At Schatzberg's Presidential Address I learned that APA's current annual revenues are about 55 million, down about 10 million from a few years earlier due to loss of ad revenues. I learned from a recent issue of *Psychiatric News* that, despite their own financial struggles, APA ended a recent budget year with a surplus of 1.4 million, an amount close to our total yearly operating expenses! I mention all of this to emphasize the importance of ABCT remaining financially viable and to show that we will have to grow our budget and/or find creative lower-cost ways to have the impacts we seek.

The second meeting, the 6th World Congress of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, June 2–5, in Boston, focused on "Translating Science Into Practice." This conference was one that ABCT cosponsored with the Boston University School of Social Work, the Boston University College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Psychology, and Center for Anxiety and Related Disorders. I cannot begin to tell you how many hours of staff and member time were devoted to help make this con-

gress the success it was. I am certain that the 2,280 attendees, from 16 countries, share my view that this was an exciting, stimulating, and vibrant meeting. At the closing ceremony, well-deserved kudos were expressed to ABCT members most heavily involved in making this congress the huge success it was: Drs. Gail Steketee and Michael Otto, Congress Organizers; Sabine Wilhelm, Scientific Program Chair; and Stefan Hofmann, Local Arrangements Chair. The following ABCT central office staff were singled out for recognition as well: Mary Ellen Brown, Tonya Childers, and Lisa Yarde. Our Executive Director, Mary Jane Eimer, as always, pitched in silently but actively behind the scenes. Drs. Kristene Doyle and Hilary Vidair were ever present at a welcoming booth, spreading the word about ABCT and encouraging membership. Once again, I express my deep appreciation to all!

In addition to the many cutting-edge presentations, personal highlights for me were the chance to see Drs. Steketee and Otto fully decked out in colonial garb at the opening ceremony (along with Michael's son, who was a member of the Fife and Drum Corps). I am sure pictures will surface on the web and elsewhere, but they will not do justice to seeing them in person! Professor and Past President of ABCT

David Barlow recounted the beginnings of CBT, focusing in particular on the contributions of Bostonians. David presented a wealth of information about founders that few had heard before, including myself. Thank you, David, for this engaging, entertaining, and informative talk.

Finally, by the time this arrives on your computer screen or in your postal box, I will have departed the oil-soaked beaches of the Greater Gulf Coast for the banks of the Mississippi River. There I will become the Chair of the Psychology Department at the University of Memphis, where I will be in the good company of a number of our members, one of whom preceded me in the presidency of ABCT, Dr. Gayle Beck.

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Clinical Forum

Toward Increased Tolerability of Exposure Treatment for Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder

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Obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) is a serious condition. Numerous studies (Bystritsky et al., 2001; Koran, Thienemann, & Davenport, 1996; Stengler-Wenzke, Kroll, Matschinger, & Angermeyer, 2006) attest to the poor quality of life among those affected, and demonstrate the imperative for proper treatment. Current treatment involving exposure and response prevention (ERP) has been found highly efficacious. Examinations of randomized controlled trials (Foa & Kozak, 1996; Foa et al., 2005) and clinic outpatient research (Franklin, Abramowitz, Kozak, Levitt, & Foa, 2000)

demonstrate similar rates of efficacy, with over 80% of patients demonstrating clinically significant improvement. Reduction in symptoms has been found to be around 60% (Franklin et al., 2000).

In spite of this success, there are a number of issues that need to be addressed. Notably, treatment refusal (Foa et al., 2005; Kozak, 1999) and dropout rates (Foa et al.; Kozak, Liebowitz, & Foa, 2000; Whittal, Thordarson, & McLean, 2005) have been reported to be in the range of about 20% to 30%. Even with patients who remain in treatment, it can still be difficult for therapists to obtain full compliance (e.g., patients' self-

exposure outside of session, maintaining complete ritual prevention, ending subtle use of avoidance strategies; Abramowitz, Franklin, & Cahill, 2003; Tolin & Hannan, 2005). Reasons for this likely lie within the nature of treatment, which involves exposure of the patient to triggers of obsessions, followed by their abstention from using compulsive behaviors to reduce resultant distress. As the patient seeks to avoid such distress, compliance is therefore difficult to attain (Tolin & Hannan). The fear of undergoing exposure may be the most salient factor preventing full compliance from patients (Maltby & Tolin, 2005), but exposure is necessary for greatest efficacy (Abramowitz, Franklin, & Foa, 2002). Thus, tolerability of treatment (referred to here as the level of treatment acceptability, willingness, and capacity to be handled by the patient) and compliance may remain problematic without the use of adaptive emotion regulation methods to address this. Indeed, it has been suggested that OCD treatments be made easier for patients to tolerate (Whittal, Robichaud, Thordarson, & McLean, 2008) and that a primary aim of exposure therapy be to develop within pa-

tients an ability to better handle distress (Craske et al., 2008). Acceptance-based strategies of emotion regulation may meet these needs by increasing the tolerability of exposure treatment and perhaps improve compliance.

Acceptance-Based Emotion Regulation Strategies

Emotional disorders are characterized by maladaptive attempts to control, reduce, and avoid unwanted emotional experience (Barlow, Allen, & Choate, 2004). Indeed, beliefs about the need to control intrusive thoughts appear to play a role in the etiology of OCD (Abramowitz, Khandler, Nelson, Deacon, & Rygwall, 2006), and attempts to control obsessions are an identifying feature of the condition (American Psychiatric Association, 2000). Unfortunately, such response patterns maintain rather than reduce symptoms (Hannan & Tolin, 2005). However, a very promising alternative has been indicated by recent research on acceptance-based strategies of emotion regulation.

Emotion regulation strategies can be classed as primarily antecedent-focused strategies, which occur prior to the generation of emotion, or they can primarily be response-focused strategies, which occur after the generation of emotion (Gross, 1998). Standard CBT primarily emphasizes the use of antecedent-focused strategies (Hofmann & Asmundson, 2008), with one of the most common being cognitive reappraisal. This strategy involves cognitively changing the meaning of a stimulus so as to change the emotional impact (Gross & Thompson, 2007). In contrast, an acceptance strategy is primarily response-focused (Hofmann & Asmundson). It refers to an allowance and embrace of emotional and cognitive states as they naturally occur, without struggle, without attempting to change, control, or avoid them. Patients are taught that this can permit them to focus on behaving in more personally meaningful ways than they otherwise might in the presence of difficult emotions and thoughts (Levitt, Brown, Orsillo, & Barlow, 2004). Acceptance entails exposure to emotion, and thus naturally fits with exposure-based treatment procedures (Hayes, 2004). Within OCD treatment, an explicit goal would be to teach patients to be willing to be exposed to obsessions and to end efforts to avoid them (Twohig, 2009).

It should be clarified that, although conventional exposure procedures do teach patients to stop trying to control obsessions,

acceptance-based approaches emphasize this much more explicitly and to a greater degree (Tolin, 2009). This is also true of teaching patients the critical need to end any use of avoidance strategies (Hannan & Tolin, 2005; Orsillo, Roemer, & Holowka, 2005), a need that is not always clear to patients in ERP (Abramowitz et al., 2003). However, despite these differences, acceptance-based strategies can be used in treatment in addition to other CBT techniques (e.g., reappraisal), with the potential to enhance treatment approaches (Berkling et al., 2008; Hofmann & Asmundson, 2008).

Treatment Implications

Although exposure treatment is efficacious, this becomes moot if the patient either cannot or is unwilling to tolerate it (Abramowitz, Taylor, & McKay, 2005), which is the case with many people with OCD (Maltby & Tolin, 2005). There further remains the problem of patients who remain in treatment, yet have difficulty maintaining full compliance. Research has indicated the potential for acceptance-based emotion regulation strategies to address tolerability issues within treatment, such as patients' willingness to undergo exposure, their tolerance of exposure tasks, and their capacity to handle anxiety.

It must first be mentioned, however, that for these strategies to be integrated within standard exposure treatments, the rationale for exposure would have to be altered. Treatment methodologies tend to be focused more on long-term, as opposed to short-term, improvement, but tolerability and compliance problems are likely often rooted in the short-term. Patients may understand that treatment is efficacious, but in order for improvement to occur, they must first endure distressing exposure procedures. As anxiety narrows attention (Barlow, 2002) and increases short-term focus (Zimbardo & Boyd, 2008), any treatment rationales focused on long-term gains are likely overpowered by present distress. Thus, the manner in which exposure is presented to patients is important.

Standard exposure rationales are focused on the reduction of anxiety, noting that repeated exposure to obsessions without ritualizing can ultimately result in diminished experience of anxiety (Kozak & Coles, 2005). However, the use of acceptance strategies would entail a shift in the rationale away from the long-term reduction of anxiety and toward an acceptance of difficult emotions (e.g. the anxiety from exposure). Within this context, the focus would

be on behavior consistent with personal values and the enhancement of quality of life, which may make the purpose of exposure more apparent to the patient (Hannan & Tolin, 2005; Levitt et al., 2004; Orsillo et al., 2005). Shifting away from the standard exposure rationale has indeed been associated with more manageable levels of anxiety and urges to ritualize (Fisher & Wells, 2005).

Research points to other intriguing potential benefits regarding the use of acceptance strategies, as it has been found that they increase a person's willingness to engage in aversive tasks (Eifert & Heffner, 2003; Levitt et al., 2004), including tasks involving cognitive intrusions analogous to those in OCD (Marcks & Woods, 2007). They have also been found to increase a person's tolerance of aversive tasks (Gutiérrez, Luciano, Rodríguez, & Fink, 2004; Hayes, Bissett, et al., 1999). Even further, while not an explicit aim of acceptance strategies, research has found that they may reduce anxiety (Eifert & Heffner, 2003; Levitt et al.) and enhance recovery (Campbell-Sills, Barlow, Brown, & Hofmann, 2006) from emotionally evocative tasks, including tasks involving intrusive thoughts in both non-clinical samples (Marcks & Woods, 2005) and those diagnosed with OCD (Najmi, Riemann, & Wegner, 2009).

Collectively, these results hold important implications for exposure treatments. In that exposures can be anxiety provoking and emotionally difficult, patients may naturally be hesitant to undertake them. However, these studies indicate that training patients in the use of acceptance strategies could potentially translate into an increased willingness to fully engage in exposure (possibly leading to increased compliance), as well as provide both an increased tolerance of exposure tasks and an increased capacity to handle anxiety (without the patient avoiding the anxiety).

There is some evidence that standard cognitive techniques (e.g., cognitive restructuring) enhance treatment compliance (Abramowitz et al., 2005), which may be at least partially due to the emotion regulation methods that standard CBT encourages (although this wasn't assessed). To date, however, little research has applied acceptance strategies in OCD treatment. Acceptance forms a key component of Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT; Hayes, Strosahl, & Wilson, 1999), and two published studies have applied ACT to OCD (Twohig, 2007; Twohig, Hayes, & Masuda, 2006). However, while patients in each study rated ACT as highly acceptable, the

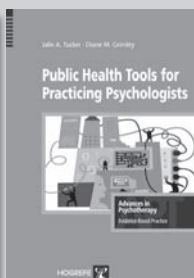
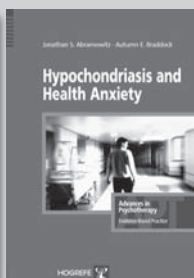
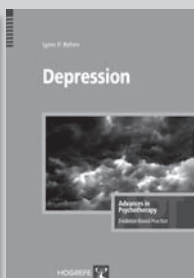
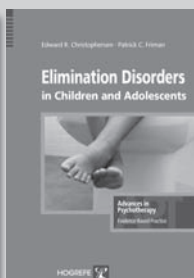
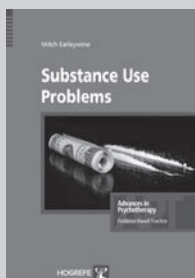
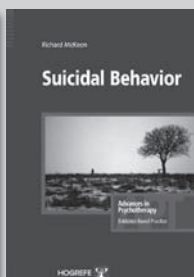
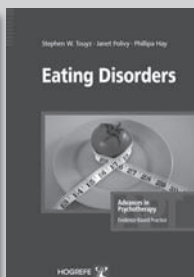
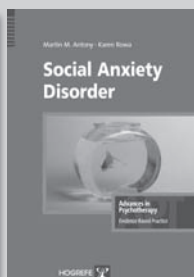
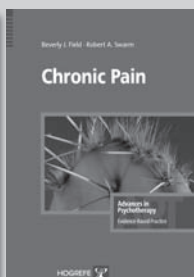
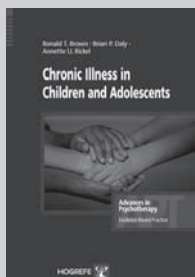
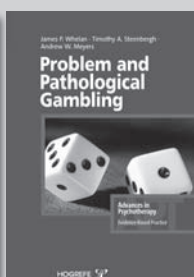
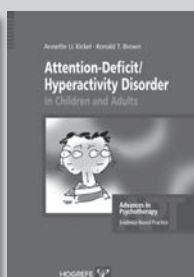
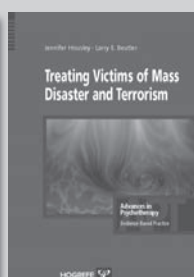
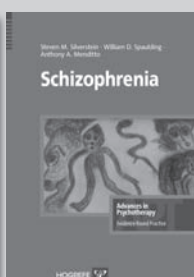
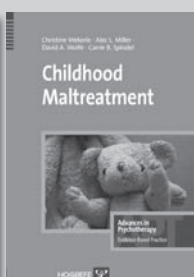
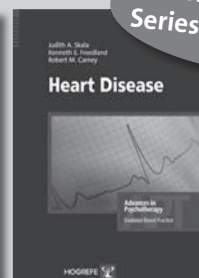
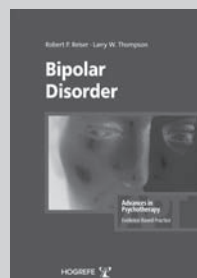
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contribution of acceptance strategies to such perceptions cannot be definitively stated, as other components of ACT may have contributed. Further, neither study contained therapist-directed exposure sessions (in favor of patients' self-administered exposure through "behavioral commitment exercises"). Nonetheless, treatment did involve deliberate exposure to anxiety-provoking situations, and the very high ratings of treatment acceptability indicate that patients were able to tolerate these sessions well. Given the aforementioned experimental results, it seems plausible that the use of acceptance strategies played a significant role in this. This intriguing possibility calls for investigation into whether acceptance strategies have any effect on treatment tolerability or compliance.

Component analyses could be conducted to address such questions. A package of instruction in acceptance skills could be integrated within ERP and be tested against both ERP and CBT as usual. Testing against standard ERP could reveal any absolute effects on tolerability and compliance, and testing against CBT could reveal whether there are any effects to be seen beyond that already found of standard cognitive techniques (Abramowitz et al., 2005). Previous research (Berking et al., 2008) has examined the integration of a full package of emotion regulation (including acceptance) skills training within CBT, and found positive results. A similar approach, concentrating solely on the integration of an acceptance-based skills training package, may likewise find beneficial effects within exposure treatment for OCD.

Conclusions

Due to the emotional difficulties for patients posed by exposure as well as the high rates of noncompliance, it is becoming increasingly clear that OCD treatments need to be made more tolerable, patient compliance needs to be increased (Whittal, Robichaud, Thordarson, & McLean, 2008), and skills for distress toleration should be taught to patients in exposure therapy (Craske et al., 2008). Incorporating the teaching of acceptance-based emotion regulation strategies within exposure treatment may be a key step in meeting these needs. As the above cited research shows, acceptance strategies have been shown to increase a person's willingness to engage in aversive tasks, increase tolerance of aversive tasks, and enhance a person's capacity to manage anxiety. Much of this work has been experimental in nature and has in-

involved nonclinical samples, but studies involving clinical samples have been conducted and yielded similarly encouraging results.

The teaching of acceptance strategies (and other emotion regulation skills) to patients appears to improve results of CBT, and is readily incorporated within existing treatment protocols (Berking et al., 2008; Hofmann & Asmundson, 2008). Clinicians have expounded on using acceptance strategies in exposure treatment for OCD (Hannan & Tolin, 2005; Twohig, 2009), but treatment research has been limited, and the relative contribution of acceptance strategies to improved treatment tolerability remains speculative. Nevertheless, while the literature is indeed young, the potential utility of acceptance-based strategies within exposure treatment for OCD has been collectively indicated by both research and clinician reports. The positive findings thus far indicate the potential for patient use of acceptance strategies to increase the tolerability of exposure and perhaps increase compliance. Empirical investigation of this possibility, however, remains to be done.

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Behavioral Assessment of an Elimination Diet to Treat Purported Food Sensitivity and Problem Behaviors in Autism: A Clinical Case Report

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It has been proposed that some children and adults with autism have global and specific food sensitivities that compromise their digestive and immune systems (Horvath & Perman, 2002; Jyonouchi, Geng, Ruby, & Zimmerman-Bier, 2005; Vojdani et al., 2004). Having an allergic reaction to food is thought to cause headaches and stomachaches, producing physical discomfort and associated problem behaviors. Accordingly, various elimination diets have been popularized as effective interventions for food sensitivity. For example, the Gluten-Free/Casein-Free (GF/CF) diet eliminates gluten (wheat, rye, barley) and dairy (milk, yogurt, cheese, ice cream) products from meals. Similar elimination diets prohibit consumption of soy, corn, peanuts, yeast, eggs, and foods containing artificial colors and preservatives (Baker & Pangborn, 2005).

The research data concerning autism, food sensitivity, and dietary manipulation is equivocal. A study by Cade et al. (1999) reported that among 70 children who had autism and followed a GF/CF diet for 1 to 8 years, 81% "improved significantly" by virtue of having fewer problem behaviors and increased social skills. Conversely, Elder et al. (2006) conducted a randomized, double-blind comparison of 15 children with autism, half receiving a GF/CF diet and half receiving a GF/CF placebo diet, and found no difference in problem behaviors between groups.

On a clinical level, our experiences have been that various elimination diets are routinely prescribed for children and adults diagnosed with autism. Unfortunately, these interventions are rarely evaluated objectively to determine whether changes in diet are beneficial. Data-based outcome assessment should be a priority because (a) maintaining a rigid elimination diet is usually difficult for parents and other care-

providers, and (b) food restrictions can pose health risks (e.g., malnutrition).

In the present case report, we describe how direct observation and measurement contributed to the evaluation of an elimination diet as purported treatment for reducing problem behaviors in an adult with autism. Our report also discusses a methodology for studying "high visibility" treatments that lack evidence-based support.

Method

Participant and Setting

Steve (a pseudonym) was a 21-year-old man diagnosed as having autistic disorder. He did not speak, his communication ability limited to a few gestures and one-word sign language such as "eat" and "drink." Steve had a history of problem behaviors that included aggression, self-injury, and property destruction. He was physically imposing (his weight fluctuated between 200 to 300 lbs), rarely interacted with peers, and required near-continuous adult supervision for him to complete daily living and self-care routines.

Steve lived in a community-based group home with 5 other adults who had intellectual disabilities. During waking hours, 2 to 3 direct-care staff conducted activities with Steve and the other residents. In the overnight hours, 1 to 2 staff were present in the group home.

Measurement

Staff at the group home recorded two problem behaviors during Steve's waking hours. *Self-injury* was defined as Steve attempting to bite or successfully biting his hands or arms. *Aggression* was defined as Steve attempting to or successfully hitting, kicking, scratching, biting, grabbing, or throwing objects at staff or peers. As a result of self-injury, Steve had visible tissue damage on his hands and arms. His aggres-

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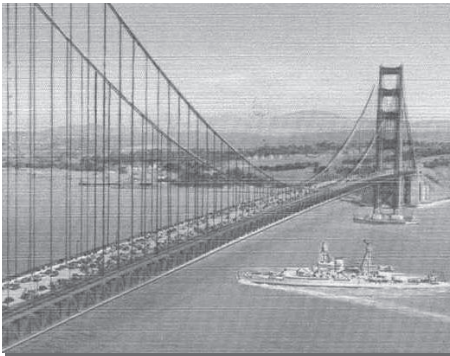
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John D. Otis, ABCT Program Chair

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I would like to express my appreciation to ABCT President Dr. Frank Andrasik and the ABCT Board for giving me the opportunity to serve as the 2010 ABCT Program Chair.

The theme of the 44th annual meeting, "Cognitive Behavioral Therapy: Unifying Diverse Disciplines With a Common Thread," is intended to emphasize the relevance of cognitive-behavioral theories across varied topics and disorders and across diverse health- and mental-health related professions and disciplines. While there are many specialties within the fields of physical and mental health, our shared understanding of the importance of applying evidence-based cognitive behavioral practices is a common thread that joins us together.

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This year, our Invited Addresses include presentations by Drs. Edna Foa, Albert Bandura, James Prochaska, and Helen Mayberg (see p. iii for titles of invited addresses). In addition, the conference features new presentations in the areas of behavioral medicine/health psychology, severe mental illness, couples treatment, and presentations on the NIH Loan Repayment Program as well as on advice from experts on recent changes in the NIH grant application process.

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Clinical Intervention Training

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CLINICAL INTERVENTION TRAINING 1

Updates in Emotion Regulation and Crisis Survival Skills: Integrating DBT Skills Into Clinical Practice

Marsha M. Linehan and Kathryn E. Korsland,
University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine



Invited Addresses



PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Behavioral Medicine: Expanding our Reach Frank Andrasik, *University of Memphis*

INVITED ADDRESS

On Alleviating Urgent Global Problems by Psychosocial Means Albert Bandura, *Stanford University*

INVITED ADDRESS

Disseminating Evidence-Based Treatments Within Systems and Across Countries: Lessons Learned From Prolonged Exposure Therapy for PTSD Edna B. Foa, *University of Pennsylvania*

INVITED ADDRESS

Paths to Recovery: Targeting Dysfunctional Limbic-Cortical Circuits in Depression Helen S. Mayberg, *Emory University School of Medicine*

INVITED ADDRESS

Alternative Strategies for Changing Multiple Behaviors James O. Prochaska, *University of Rhode Island*

“People who regard themselves as highly efficacious act, think, and feel differently from those who perceive themselves as inefficacious. They produce their own future, rather than simply foretell it.”

— Albert Bandura,
Social Foundations of Thought and Action (1986)



Workshops

ticketed sessions

ABCT's workshops provide participants with up-to-date integration of theoretical, empirical, and clinical knowledge about specific issues or themes.

Friday

WORKSHOP 1

Core Strategies in the Assessment and Treatment of Health Anxiety

Heather Hadjistavropoulos, *University of Regina*,
Patricia Furer and John Walker, *University of Manitoba*, and Theo Bouman, *University of Groningen*

WORKSHOP 2

Schematic Mismatch in the Therapeutic Relationship: Using Roadblocks as Opportunities for Change

Robert L. Leahy, *American Institute for Cognitive Therapy*

WORKSHOP 3

Group Treatment for SAD

Stefan G. Hofmann, *Boston University*

WORKSHOP 4

DBT and CBT for Emotion Dysregulation and Nonsuicidal Self-Injury in Adolescents

W. Edward Craighead, *Emory University School of Medicine and Emory University*, and Lorie A. Ritschel, *Emory University School of Medicine*

WORKSHOP 5

Natural Setting Therapeutic Management: A Multiple Model Approach to Maintain Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and Severe Behaviors in Community Settings

Michael R. Petronko, Russell J. Kormann, and Doreen DiDomenico, *Rutgers University*

WORKSHOP 6

Hands-on Training in CBT for Insomnia in Those With Anxiety Disorders, Depression, and Other Comorbid Conditions

Rachel Manber, *Stanford University Medical Center*, and Colleen E. Carney, *Ryerson University*

WORKSHOP 7

Comprehensive Behavioral Intervention for Tics

Douglas W. Woods, *University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee*, and Christine A. Conelea, *University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Brown University School of Medicine*

WORKSHOP 8

ACT in Practice: Case Conceptualization in Acceptance and Commitment Therapy

Daniel J. Moran, *Pickslyde Consulting*, and Patricia Bach, *Illinois Institute of Technology*

WORKSHOP 9

The Marriage Checkup: Using the Brief Checkup Model to Promote Marital Health and Prevent Relationship Deterioration

James V. Cordova, *Clark University*

WORKSHOP 10

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for ADHD in Adults

Steven A. Safren, Susan Sprich, and Laura Knouse, *Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital*

Saturday

WORKSHOP 11

Problem-Solving Therapy for Depression Among Medical Patient Populations

Arthur M. Nezu and Christine Maguth Nezu,
Drexel University

WORKSHOP 12

Advanced Workshop on Cognitive Processing Therapy

Patricia A. Resick, *VA National Center for PTSD, Women's Health Sciences Division, National Center for PTSD, and Boston University*

WORKSHOP 13

CBT for Couples Experiencing Economic Stress

Norman B. Epstein and Mariana K. Falconier,
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

WORKSHOP 14

Assessment and Treatment of Bipolar Disorder in Children

Mary A. Fristad, *Ohio State University*, and Jill S. Goldberg Arnold, *Private Practice*

WORKSHOP 15

Acceptance-Based Behavioral Therapy for GAD and Comorbid Disorders

Susan M. Orsillo and Lizabeth Roemer, *University of Massachusetts, Boston*

WORKSHOP 16

Cognitive Behavioral Treatment for Depression in Primary Care Medicine

Barbara A. Golden and Bruce S. Zahn, *PCOM*

WORKSHOP 17

Individual and Family-Based CBT for Treatment of First-Episode Psychosis

Jennifer Gottlieb and Corinne Cather, *Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School*, Shirley Glynn, *UCLA*, and Kim Mueser, *Dartmouth Medical School*

WORKSHOP 18

Concurrent Treatment for Alcohol Dependence and PTSD

Edna B. Foa and David A. Yushko, *University of Pennsylvania*

WORKSHOP 19

Selective Mutism in Children: Characteristics, Assessment, and Treatment

Christopher A. Kearney, Harpreet Kaur, and Rachel Schafer, *University of Nevada, Las Vegas*

WORKSHOP 20

CBT for OCD: A Symptom Dimension Approach

Jonathan S. Abramowitz, *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

Sunday

WORKSHOP 21

Personal Finance Solutions for Busy Mental Health Professionals

Barbara A. Friedberg, *Lebanon Valley College*

WORKSHOP 22

The Art and Science of Mindfulness: Integrating Mindfulness in Psychology

Shauna L. Shapiro, *Santa Clara University*

WORKSHOP 23

Integrating Spirituality into CBT

Harold B. Robb, III, and David H. Rosmarin, *McLean Hospital/Harvard Medical School*

WORKSHOP 24

Individual Dialectical Behavior Therapy Treatment Strategies Applied to Eating Disorders

Lucene Wisniewski and Denise D. Ben-Porath, *John Carroll University*

WORKSHOP 25

Introduction to Motivational Interviewing

Daniel W. McNeil, *West Virginia University*

"... Because we accept the role of reducing needless suffering and enhancing joyful living, we are right to direct our consultees on how to attempt steps to secure these ends. We are right, even if doing so means changing their supernatural beliefs..."

—Hank Robb, 2001 ("Facilitating REBT by Including Religious Beliefs"
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Master Clinician Seminars

ticketed sessions

These seminars involve the presentation of case material, session videotapes, and discussion to enable participants to further understand the application of cognitive and behavioral techniques.

Friday

MASTER CLINICIAN SEMINAR 1

Implementing Prolonged Exposure for PTSD: Optimizing Outcomes

Edna B. Foa, *University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine*

MASTER CLINICIAN SEMINAR 2

Behavioral Activation Principles in Practice in the Treatment of Depression

Christopher R. Martell, *Associates in Behavioral Health and University of Washington*

MASTER CLINICIAN SEMINAR 3

Problem-Solving Therapy (PST) to Enhance Resilience and Improve Psychological and Emotional Immunity

Christine Maguth Nezu and Arthur M. Nezu, *Drexel University*

MASTER CLINICIAN SEMINAR 4

Artistic Adherence: Maximizing “Flex” While Minimizing “Drift” in Conducting Competent Cognitive-Behavioral Therapies

Cory F. Newman, *University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine*

Saturday

MASTER CLINICIAN SEMINAR 5

Conducting Therapeutic Exposures With Anxious Adolescents: Practicalities, Pitfalls, and Ultimately, Progress

Anne Marie Albano and Sandra Pimentel, *Columbia University and New York State Psychiatric Institute*

MASTER CLINICIAN SEMINAR 6

What to Do When You Don’t Know What to Do: Practical Guidelines for Keeping CBT With Youth Fresh

Robert D. Friedberg, *Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute and Penn State Milton Hershey Medical Center*

MASTER CLINICIAN SEMINAR 7

Beginning and Ending Psychotherapy: Mindful, Ethical Practice in an Era of Manuals and Managed Care

Denise D. Davis, *Vanderbilt University and Independent Practice*

MASTER CLINICIAN SEMINAR 8

Exposure Therapy for Anxiety Disorders

Michelle G. Craske, *UCLA*



AMASS

ticketed sessions

Advanced Methodology and Statistics Seminars (AMASS) are for applied researchers, presented by renowned research scientists

Thursday

AMASS 1

Applied Structural Equation Modeling

James M. Henson, *Old Dominion University*

AMASS 2

Applied Longitudinal Data Analysis with HLM

David C. Atkins, *University of Washington*



Institutes

ticketed sessions

Designed for clinical practitioners,
discussions and display of specific
intervention techniques.

Thursday

INSTITUTE 1

Incorporating Motivational Interviewing and Cognitive Behavioral Techniques in Group and Individual Therapy

Linda C. Sobell, *Nova Southeastern University*

INSTITUTE 2

Cognitive Processing Therapy Basics: The How's and Why's of Implementing PTSD Treatment in Clinical Practice

Debra Kaysen, *University of Washington*, and Tara Galovski, *University of Missouri-St. Louis*

INSTITUTE 3

Cognitive-Behavioral Case Formulation and Progress Monitoring

Jacqueline B. Persons, *San Francisco Bay Area Center for Cognitive Therapy* and *UC-Berkeley*

INSTITUTE 4

Collaborative Case Conceptualization: Incorporate Strengths to Build Resilience

Christine A. Padesky and Kathleen A. Mooney, *Center for Cognitive Therapy*

INSTITUTE 5

Enhancing Treatment Outcome for OCD

David Yusko, Monica T. Williams, and Edna Foa, *University of Pennsylvania*

INSTITUTE 6

Functional Analytic Psychotherapy: Maximizing Therapeutic Impact by Using the Client-Therapist Relationship

Mavis Tsai, *Independent Practice* and *University of Washington*, and Robert J. Kohlenberg, *University of Washington*

INSTITUTE 7

Using ACT Principles and Strategies in the Treatment of Substance Use Disorders

Angela L. Stotts, *University of Texas-Houston Medical School*, William D. Norwood, *University of Houston, Clear Lake*, and Akihiko Masuda, *Georgia State University*

INSTITUTE 8

Using the Case Formulation Approach to Guide Treatment of Complicated PTSD in Clinical Practice

Claudia Zayfert, *Dartmouth Medical School*, Jason DeViva, *Connecticut VA Health System*, and Carolyn B. Becker, *Trinity University*

"...Clinical improvements, healing, or psychotherapeutic change, all of which are acts of the client, also involve contingencies of reinforcement that occur in the relationship between client and therapist..."

—Kohlenberg & Tsai, 2000

("Radical Behavioral Help for Katrina" *C&BP* Vol. 7, p. 500)



General Sessions



Clinical Round Tables and **Panel Discussions** feature discussion by experts on a current important topic. **Membership Panel Discussions** emphasize training or career development. **Symposia** are presentation of data, usually investigating efficacy of treatment protocol or particular research.

Clinical Round Tables

CLINICAL ROUND TABLE 1

Managing Treatment-Resistant OCD Spectrum Conditions in Adults and Children

Panelists: Jonathan Abramowitz, Gail Steketee, Bradley Riemann, C. Alec Pollard, Randy Frost, Martin Franklin
Chair: Cheryl Carmin

CLINICAL ROUND TABLE 2

Can We Get an Encore, Do You Want More (Lessons Learned From Treatment Failures)?

Panelists: David Barlow, Dennis Greenberger, Michelle Craske
Chair: Simon Grego

CLINICAL ROUND TABLE 3

Therapist Self-Disclosure: Collective Wisdom

Panelists: Linda Filetti, Rosemary Mennuti, Stephanie Mattei
Chair: Andrea Bloomgarden

CLINICAL ROUND TABLE 4

Transdisciplinary Training for Evidence-Based Behavioral Practice: Best Practices From Psychology, Medicine, and Practice Networks

Panelists: Beverly Lehr, Jason Satterfield, Lynn Martin
Chair: Bonnie Spring

CLINICAL ROUND TABLE 5

Testing Case Formulation Hypotheses in Clinical Practice

Panelists: Victoria Beckner, Michael Tompkins, Janie Hong
Chair: Jacqueline Persons

CLINICAL ROUND TABLE 6

Barriers to Engaging Couples in Therapy for Relationship Problems

Panelists: Donald Baucom, Mark Whisman, Barbara McCrady, Kristina Gordon
Chair: Norman Epstein

CLINICAL ROUND TABLE 7

Novel Approaches to Changing Beliefs in CBT

Panelists: Robert Friedberg, Donna Sudak
Chair: Irismar de-Oliveira

CLINICAL ROUND TABLE 8

Treatment of OCD During the CBT Renaissance

Panelists: Jonathan Abramowitz, Michael Twohig, Jeff Szymanski, Denise Moquin, Jason Elias
Chairs: Jason Elias, Nate Gruner

CLINICAL ROUND TABLE 9

Expanding Evidence-Based Psychological Services: From Traditional Therapy to Self-Help Books to Internet Interventions

Panelists: William Miller, Ricardo Muñoz
Chair: Andrew Christensen

CLINICAL ROUND TABLE 10

Social Coping and Autism Spectrum Disorders: The Power Combination of Psychology and Speech Language Interventions

Panelists: Valerie Gaus, Samara Pulver Tetenbaum, Stacey Kanin
Chair: Shana Nichols

CLINICAL ROUND TABLE 11

Providing CBT Behavioral Sleep Medicine in Primary Care Settings: Relevance to Clinical Necessity

Panelists: Anne Bartolucci, Shannon Sullivan, Kathy Sexton-Radek, Jason Ong, Christina Nash, Brett Kuhn, Jacqueline Kloss, Shelby Freedman Harris • *Chair:* Rachel Manber

CLINICAL ROUND TABLE 12

Empirically Based CBT Supervision: Making Supervision More Effective

Panelists: Derek Milne, Donna Sudak, Leslie Sokol
Chair: Robert Reiser

CLINICAL ROUND TABLE 13

Broadening Our Conceptualizations and Clinical Approaches for the Treatment of Chronic Anorexia Nervosa

Panelists: Anita Federici, Jennifer Wildes, Thomas Lynch
Chair: Lucene Wisniewski

Membership Panels

MEMBER PANEL DISCUSSION 1

What Professionals Look for When They Hire New Employees

Presenter: Hilary Vidair

MEMBER PANEL DISCUSSION 2

What Every Student and Young Professional Needs to Know About Loan Repayment Programs Offered Through the National Institutes of Health

Presenter: Todd Smitherman

Panel Discussions

PANEL DISCUSSION 1

The Burgeoning Science of Integrating Spirituality Into CBT

Panelists: Doug Oman, Melinda Stanley, Diane Spangler, David Rosmarin
Chairs: Hank Robb, David Rosmarin
Fugen Neziroglu
Chair: Jonathan Hoffman

PANEL DISCUSSION 2

Using Technology in CBT Treatment of OCD

Panelists: E. Katia Moritz, Eric Storch, Fugen Neziroglu
Chair: Jonathan Hoffman

PANEL DISCUSSION 3

Enhancing Dissemination of Treatments Through Evidence-Based Training

Panelists: Shawn Cahill, Mark Whisman, Michael Otto, Marsha Linehan, Michael Kozak, Jonathan Kanter, Greg Hajcak, Cheryl Carmin
Chair: Douglas Woods

PANEL DISCUSSION 4

Implementing and Studying CBT Across Disciplines: Practical and Methodological Considerations

Panelists: Katherine Comtois, Amy Naugle, Sara Landes, David Kolko, Matthew Jameson, Matthew Jameson, Matthew Jameson, Suzanne Decker
Chair: Shannon Wiltsey Stirman

PANEL DISCUSSION 5

Trauma-Informed Services in the Treatment of Serious Mental Illness: Current Knowledge, Complications, and Future Directions

Panelists: Amanda Collins, Sophia Vinogradov, Kim Mueser, Maria Monroe-DeVita
Chairs: Melissa Tarasenko, Ashley Wynne

PANEL DISCUSSION 6

Dissemination of Empirically Supported Treatments to Rural and Underserved Populations

Panelists: Tami DeCoteau, Thresa Yancey, Jacob Warren, Bryant Smalley
Chair: Thresa Yancey

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sion posed a risk to other people, and on several occasions, Steve had injured staff. Furthermore, both problem behaviors interfered with habilitation activities and were socially stigmatizing.

The measurement procedure for self-injury and aggression was a 15-minute, partial-interval recording that started when Steve was awake in the morning and concluded when he went to bed in the evening (approximately 15 hours of the day). At the end of each 15-minute interval, staff recorded on a data sheet whether Steve had or had not exhibited self-injury and aggression during the interval. At the end of the day, the recorded data were summarized by dividing the intervals scored for self-injury and aggression by the total intervals recorded to yield a percentage measure for each behavior.

Procedures and Design

This case study included an initial elimination diet phase followed by a food evaluation phase in which 6 foods that comprised the diet were added, removed, added, and removed again in a reversal-type experimental design (Barlow, Nock, & Hersen, 2009). During the elimination diet and food evaluation phases, staff implemented

identical behavioral support procedures for interacting with Steve when he demonstrated self-injury and aggression. Specifically, staff instructed Steve to "put your hands down" each time the behaviors occurred. If he did not immediately comply with the instruction, staff would then model the behavior for him, again repeating the instruction. Further noncompliance from Steve resulted in the staff applying an approved physical restraint (protective hold) to prevent him from injuring himself or another person (Luiselli, 2009). Staff routinely praised Steve and commented to him positively when he displayed behaviors that were incompatible with self-injury and aggression (e.g., "Great job washing your hands!").

Steve also was prescribed medication that remained constant throughout elimination diet and food evaluation phases. His medication regimen was: chlorpromazine (50 mg, tid), benztropine (.5 mg, bid), risperidone (4 mg, qhs), clonazepam (2 mg, tid), and quetiapine (300 mg, tid).

Phase I: Elimination diet. A physician advised Steve's grandmother (his legal guardian) that he had food allergies. Blood work was performed but the results were inconclusive. Subsequently, the physician

concluded that Steve did not have food allergies but, instead, food "intolerances" that caused him physical discomfort and made him injure himself and aggress toward other people. The six purported intolerant food groups were wheat, beef, corn, tomato, nuts (cashews), and soy.

Steve's grandmother, in concert with the physician, proposed a diet that eliminated the six food groups. The administrative and clinical staff at the group home agreed to evaluate the elimination diet and its effects on Steve's problem behaviors. Toward this objective, a dietician designed menus that staff followed at breakfast, lunch, and dinner meals as well as an evening snack. The menus specified foods Steve could consume, including portion control, at the daily meals and snack. Steve was not permitted to consume any food products from the six restricted food groups. Staff consulted with the dietician to develop a food consumption log on which they recorded the foods Steve ate and any foods he refused. The elimination diet phase was in place approximately 7 months preceding the food evaluation phase.

Phase II: Food evaluation. During this phase, we conducted seven mini-evaluations that consisted of exposing Steve to

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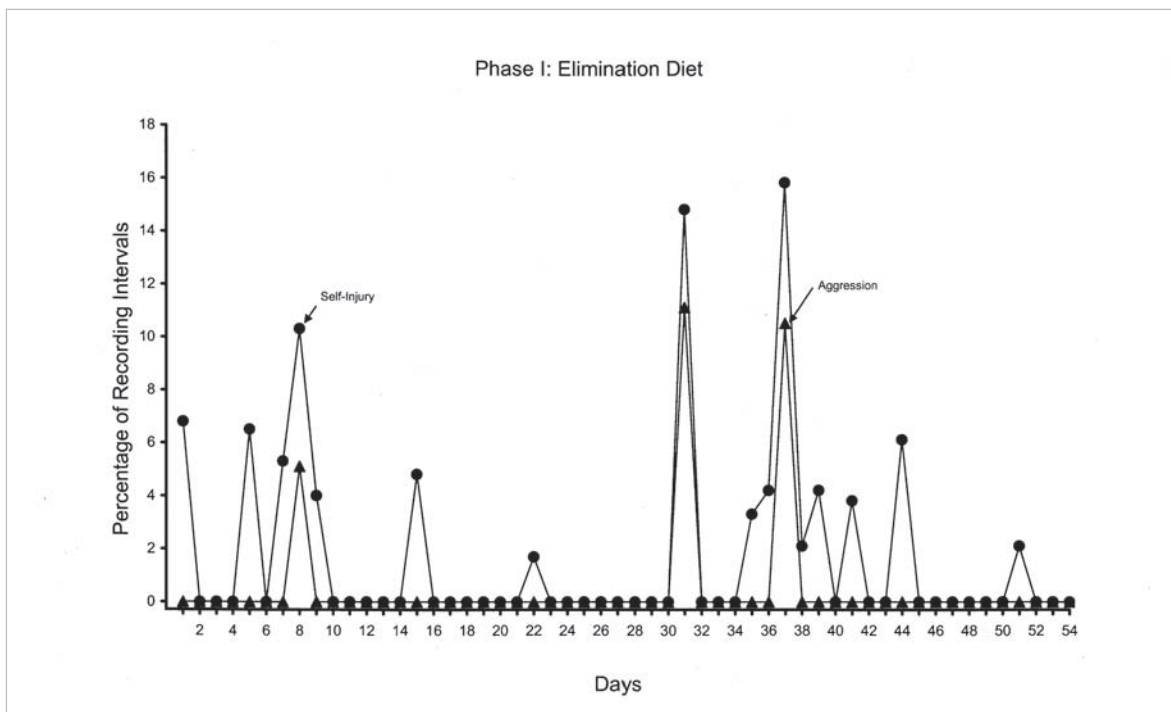


Figure 1. Percentage of recording intervals in which Steve exhibited self-injury and aggression during the diet elimination phase.

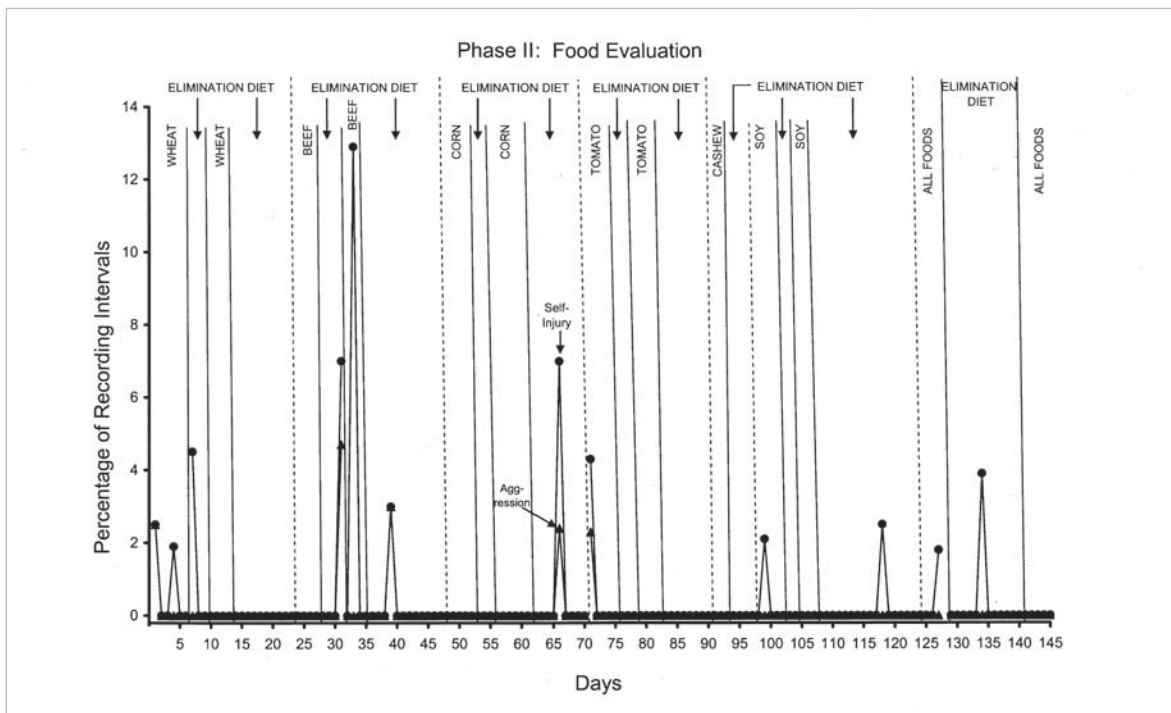


Figure 2. Percentage of recording intervals in which Steve exhibited self-injury and aggression during the food evaluation phase.

each of the restricted food groups individually and subsequently to a combination of all of the restricted food groups. Specifically, Steve was allowed to consume one of the restricted food groups for several consecutive days, followed by several days in which the restricted food group was removed (return to elimination diet menus), followed by several days in which the restricted food group was introduced again and then removed a second time. After each mini-evaluation, another restricted food group was presented in the same sequence until Steve had two exposures to each one (the only exception was a single exposure to and removal of cashews). The order of food presentation, determined randomly, was wheat, beef, corn, tomato, cashews, and soy. The final feature of the intervention evaluation phase was combining one serving from each of the restricted food groups during Steve's daily breakfast and dinner meals.

In summary, the purpose of the food evaluation phase was to assess whether having Steve consume food groups that were not permitted during the elimination diet phase was associated with increased self-injury and aggression. Food-change decisions were driven through measurement that targeted these behaviors relative to the type of food Steve consumed.

Results and Discussion

Figure 1 and Figure 2 show the percentage of recording intervals in which Steve exhibited self-injury and aggression during the diet elimination and food evaluation phases respectively. For clarity of presentation, we report data for the last 4 weeks of the elimination diet phase (these results were consistent with prior weeks not shown in the figure).

Self-injury and aggression during the elimination diet phase were variable, ranging from 0% to 15% each day. The food evaluation phase revealed that these problem behaviors did not increase and generally remained at a low percentage. The only exception was during one of the exposures to beef: for 1 day Steve demonstrated self-injury similar to his elimination diet percentage. Figure 2 also shows that self-injury and aggression did not increase when Steve consumed the combined restricted food groups at breakfast and lunch meals.

Whether purported food allergies and sensitivities cause children and adults with autism to behave inappropriately is an empirical question. Therefore, direct observation and measurement procedures as described in this case report should be im-

plemented when an elimination diet is the recommended intervention. As revealed, we found that despite a physician's warning that Steve should not consume specific "intolerant" food groups, he was able to eat them without physical distress and by virtue of his problem behaviors occurring at a low percentage. Steve tolerated each food group when it was introduced one at a time and when the food groups were combined as an entire meal. Accordingly, we concluded that Steve did not suffer from food sensitivity and that what he ate was unrelated to his self-injury and aggression.

The assessment methodology in this case required that group home staff record self-injury and aggression continuously during Steve's waking hours. This kind of direct measurement is customary for evaluating the effects of behavioral interventions (Mayville & Mayville, 2004). It also can be applied to elimination diets by recording clinically relevant behaviors such as self-injury and aggression relative to a person's consumption or nonconsumption of one or more foods or food groups. In this model, foods are the independent variables that can be manipulated in the same way as adding and withdrawing a nondietary intervention procedure.

We did not perform formal intervention integrity assessment with staff. However, staff's adherence to the elimination diet and food evaluation guidelines was carefully monitored to ensure that they followed them accurately. Also, the food logs that staff maintained verified that Steve regularly consumed his meals and snacks during all phases. Thus, the percentages of self-injury and aggression reported in the study were not a function of Steve eating selectively (e.g., consuming some but not all of the restricted food groups) or eating different amounts of food. One factor limiting these results is that staff responsible for recording Steve's problem behaviors also prepared his meals during the elimination diet and food evaluation phases. Hence, they were not blind to the food conditions that were in effect with him.

Our recommendation is that behavior analysts should be actively involved in evaluating popularized treatments for autism such as elimination diets. The inclusion of direct measurement and single-case evaluation methodologies makes it possible to empirically validate the purported benefits from many interventions that lack evidence-based support. Such assessment will ensure that children and adults with autism are not subjected to ineffective treatments and, more alarmingly, procedures and

lifestyle restrictions that could possibly harm them.

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Edna Foa Named One of *TIME* Magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World

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Dr. Edna B. Foa, a long-time ABCT member, has made significant contributions to cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT). Her work has been central to shaping the way we think about and address anxiety-related psychopathology. Thus, it is a truly well-deserved distinction that *TIME Magazine* has named Dr. Foa one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World for 2010. The *TIME* list appeared in the May 10 issue and is available online at www.time.com.

Edna B. Foa, Ph.D., is Professor of Clinical Psychology in Psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania. Among her many honors and awards, Dr. Foa has received ABCT's Outstanding Research Contribution Award, ABCT's Lifetime Achievement Award, the Distinguished Scientist Award from the Scientific section of the American Psychological Association, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. She has been recognized for her contributions by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Philadelphia Society of Clinical Psychologists, and the organization Women Organized Against Rape. In addition to her many empirical articles, Dr. Foa has authored 20 books and received an Honorary Doctorate Degree of Philosophy from the University of Basel.

Dr. Foa has devoted her career to understanding and treating anxiety disorders. Her contributions have been fundamental to CBT-oriented treatments for PTSD, OCD, and social phobia, and she is recognized as a leading expert in each of these areas.

The *TIME* article highlights a modality for which she is well known, prolonged exposure (PE), a specific form of CBT for the treatment of PTSD. PE involves psychoeducation about common reactions to trauma; breathing retraining; prolonged imaginal exposure to traumatic memories; home-

work, which includes in vivo exposure; and discussions about thoughts and feelings related to exposure exercises (Foa & Rothbaum, 1998). The *TIME* article acknowledges that Dr. Foa's exposure techniques have been replicated and used to treat a range of anxiety disorders.

The techniques pioneered by Dr. Foa are widely disseminated. Her approach has been implemented across a variety of settings and has demonstrated effectiveness in different populations, including children and adolescents, women, and veterans. Her work has been translated into several languages and published in biomedical and psychological journals. Moreover, current practice guidelines recommend PE as a primary treatment for PTSD (American Psychiatric Association, 2004; VA/DOD Clinical Practice Guideline Working Group, 2003). The *TIME* article rightly acknowledges that the adoption of PE by the Department of Veterans Affairs is an extraordinary accomplishment. These efforts ensure the widespread implementation and training in PE protocols across various services. Such achievements are the fruits of Dr. Foa's tireless push for the greater utilization of these practice guidelines in everyday mental health care practice.

Dr. Foa is as much a gifted thinker as she is a skilled and prolific researcher, and this is evident in the quality of her work. The theoretical underpinnings of PE are drawn from a careful understanding of the physiology, learned associations, and emotional processing of fear structures and subsequent avoidance behavior. The mechanisms of PE have been clarified through finely honed research, including several randomized controlled trials, dismantling designs to parcel out cognitive restructuring (Foa et al., 2005), and delineations between imaginal versus in vivo exposure for the adequate reduction of anxiety (Foa & Kozak, 1986). Her ideas are remarkably refined and few approaches enjoy such breadth and depth.

The proliferation of PE is timely. Recent events have highlighted the need to treat individuals suffering from exposure to traumatic events, including the terrorist attacks of 9/11, ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina and the recent earthquake in Haiti. PTSD currently affects approximately 7.7 million Americans (Kessler, Chiu, Demler, & Walters, 2005) and there is growing recognition of the high prevalence of PTSD among returning military personnel (Hoge, Auchterlonie, & Milliken, 2006). Fortunately, PE is a well-established treatment with proven efficacy and durability in treating individuals suffering from PTSD. It is fitting that *TIME* has recognized Dr. Foa's extraordinary achievements by selecting her as one of its 100 Most Influential People in the World.

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David M. Clark, Recipient of Distinguished Scientific Award for Application of Psychology From the American Psychological Association

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David M. Clark, D. Phil., of the Institute of Psychiatry of London, received the Distinguished Scientific Award for the Application of Psychology from the American Psychological Association this past August at their annual conference in San Diego. Clark is Professor of Psychology, Institute of Psychiatry, Director of the Centre for Anxiety Disorders and Trauma, Maudsley Hospital in London. Clark's research contributions include classic studies and papers on panic disorder, social phobia, hypochondriasis, and posttraumatic stress disorder. Many members of ABCT are familiar with his cognitive model of panic, in which panic attacks are induced to disconfirm beliefs about the danger and uncontrollability of panic symptoms. Over the years his work has involved collaborators of such international renown as Paul Salkovskis, Adrian Wells, Anke Ehlers, and many others—both at Oxford University and the Institute of Psychiatry. As a member of ABCT, Clark has often participated in our conferences and his work has had a worldwide impact on cognitive models of psychopathology. His programmatic approach to research and clinical work is based on identifying dysfunctional cognitive processes underlying disorders, identifying the self-maintaining processes, developing interventions based on the model, testing the efficacy of these treatments in randomized controlled studies, and advancing the dissemination of these treatments. Clark has been honored many times as the recipient of the May Davidson Award (British Psychological Society); the Aaron T. Beck Award from the Academy of Cognitive Therapy; and an Honorary Doctor of Science from the London School of Economics (LSE). He was named a World Leader in Anxiety Disorders Research by members of the Anxiety Disorders of America Association (1998), and he has received the *Behaviour Research and Therapy* Award for the most outstanding article ("A Cognitive Approach to Panic"; Clark, 1986) published in that jour-

nal in the first 30 years since its founding in 1962.

Clark has been instrumental, along with colleagues from the British Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Psychotherapies, in promoting the largest program ever developed for the dissemination of psychological treatments. This program, which is primarily CBT, will provide greater access to structured CBT for consumers of services in the United Kingdom. Known as the Improving Access to Psychological Treatments, the health care initiative is intended to provide training of cognitive behavioral therapists who will provide empirically based treatments for a much larger number of citizens in the United Kingdom. The APA citation captures the impact of this initiative: "His approach has been so successful that the resulting treatments have become a major component the British government's £300 million pound Improving Access to Psychological Therapies initiative, the largest exercise in social engineering relevant to mental health in the history of the field. His work is pure genius with a real world application."

Clark received the APA award and gave a presentation at the APA conference in San Diego. I have known David for many years and I know that I join with the ABCT community in congratulating him on this distinction and expressing our gratitude for the excellent work he is doing—on all fronts—in advancing cognitive behavioral therapy and the general welfare of the people.

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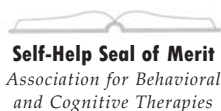
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