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By John Louthan BRIEFCASE

"You can get dressed now — the doctor saw you when you weren't looking."



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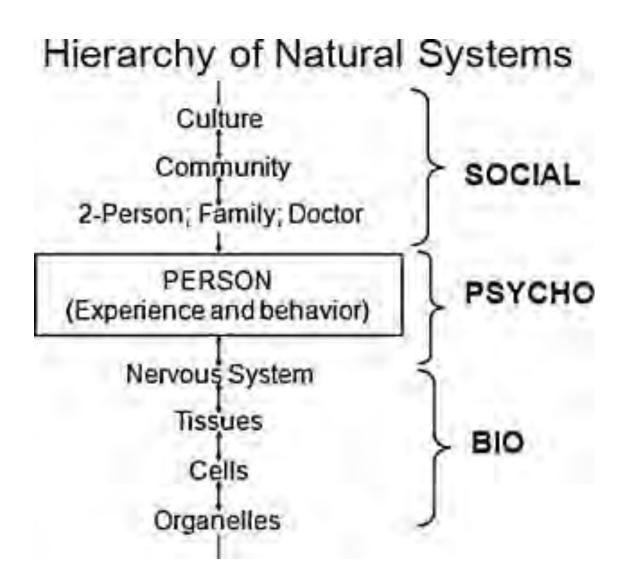
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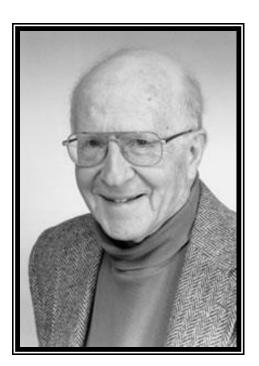
## Goals of presentation

- 1. To present a rationale for why it is important to share care with families
- 2. To demonstrate family assessment that's relevant for clinical practice
- 3. To present challenges and best practices in sharing care with colleagues by collaborating across disciplinary cultures



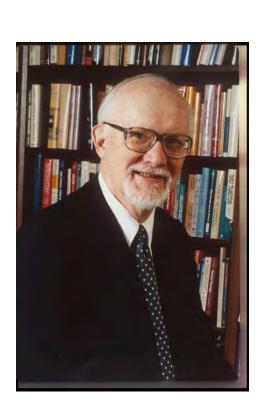
Biopsychosocial Model

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## Why family?

- Families are a part of medical practice
- Impact of illness on families
- Influence of the family on health

## Influence of the family on health

- Growing research on influence of the family on all aspects of health, especially:
  - > Health behaviors or life style
  - > Health care decisions
  - > Compliance with medical treatments
  - Outcomes from chronic illnesses
  - Overall mortality

## Health behaviors/life style

- ❖ 60% of deaths in US and Canada are due to health behaviors or lifestyle
- Most health behaviors (smoking, diet, exercise, alcohol use) are developed, maintained and changed within the context of the family
- Most healthy and unhealthy behaviors are shared by family members.

## Couples and health

- Men have higher death rates in the 6 months after the death of their wives
- Divorced and unhappily married women have poorer immune function than happily married women
- Women in supportive marriages have improved survival after heart attack, cancer and kidney failure

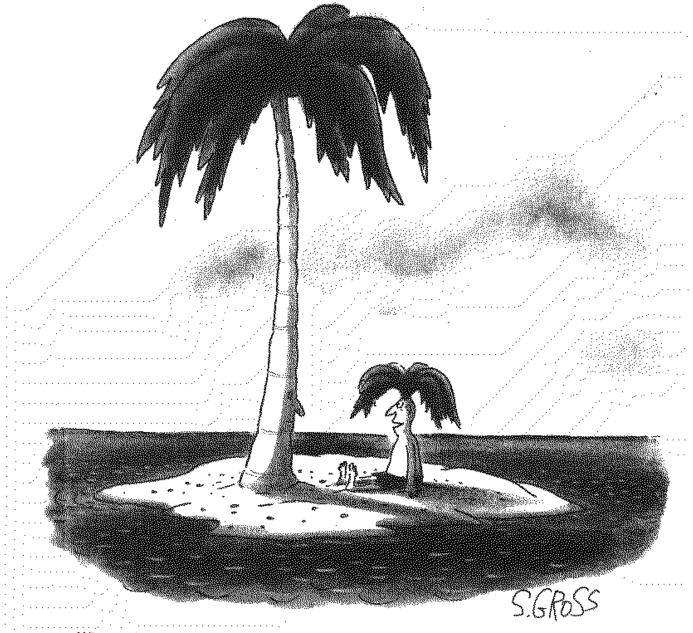
# Family relationships have a powerful influence on health

"The evidence regarding social relationships and health increasingly approximates the evidence in the 1964 Surgeon General's report that established cigarette smoking as a cause or risk factor for mortality and morbidity from a range of diseases." (House et al. 1988)



## Couples grow to look alike, study say.

**New York Times** 



"I read somewhere that when two people live together for a long time they start to look like each other."



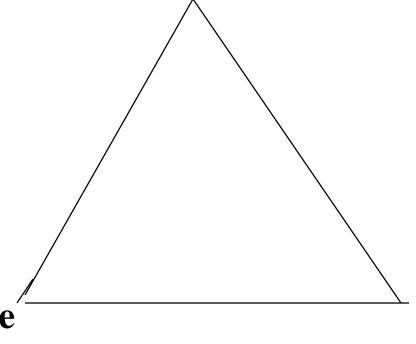
## When must family issues be addressed?

- family caregiving with chronic illness\*
- managing end of life, especially decision making\*
- family violence
- genetic counseling\*

\* Should include family members in interview

## The Therapeutic Triangle

**Patient** 



Healthcare team

**Family** 

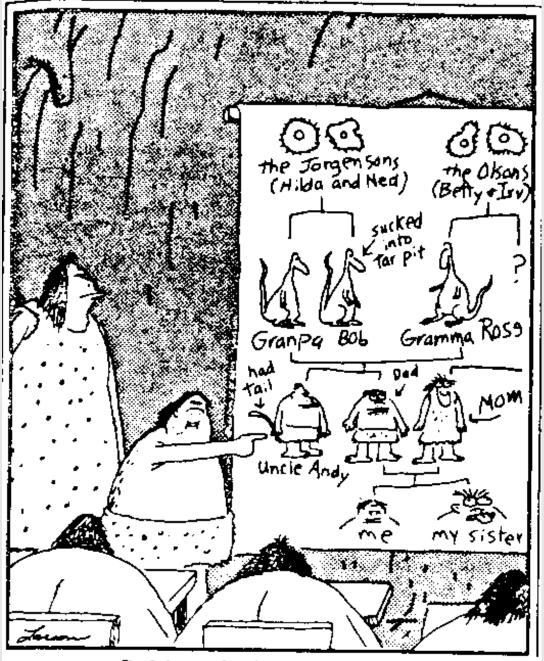
## Working with Families: Collaborate, Assess, and when relevant, Intervene

- 1. Connect with each family member
- Empathize without taking sides (multi-partial alliance)
- 3. Gather views & opinions of family members
- Educate family members and involve them in treatment plan

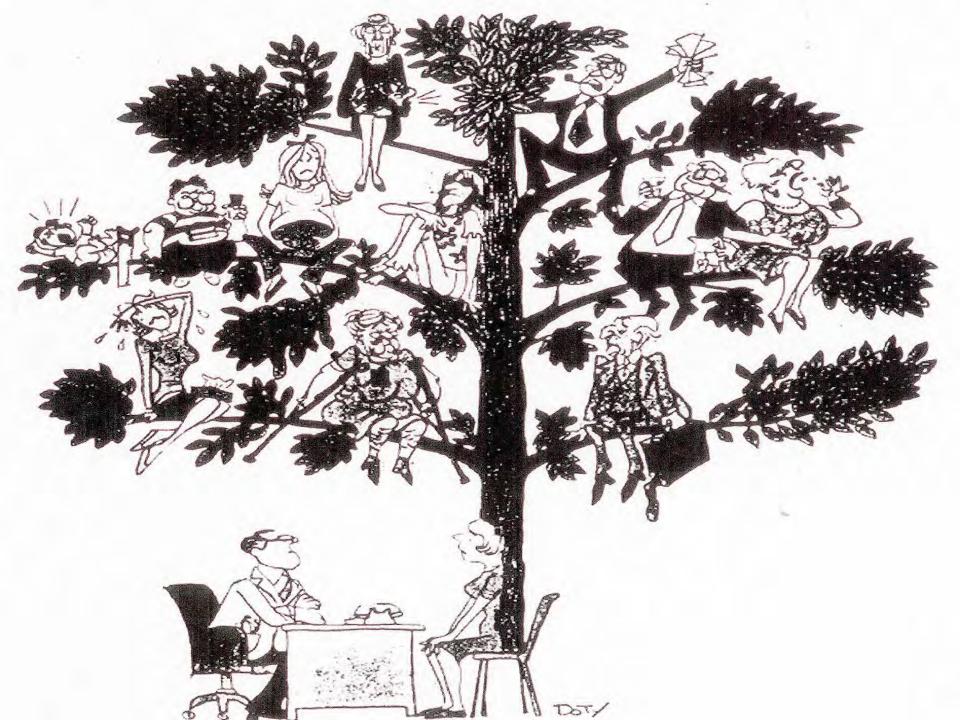


## The genogram or family tree

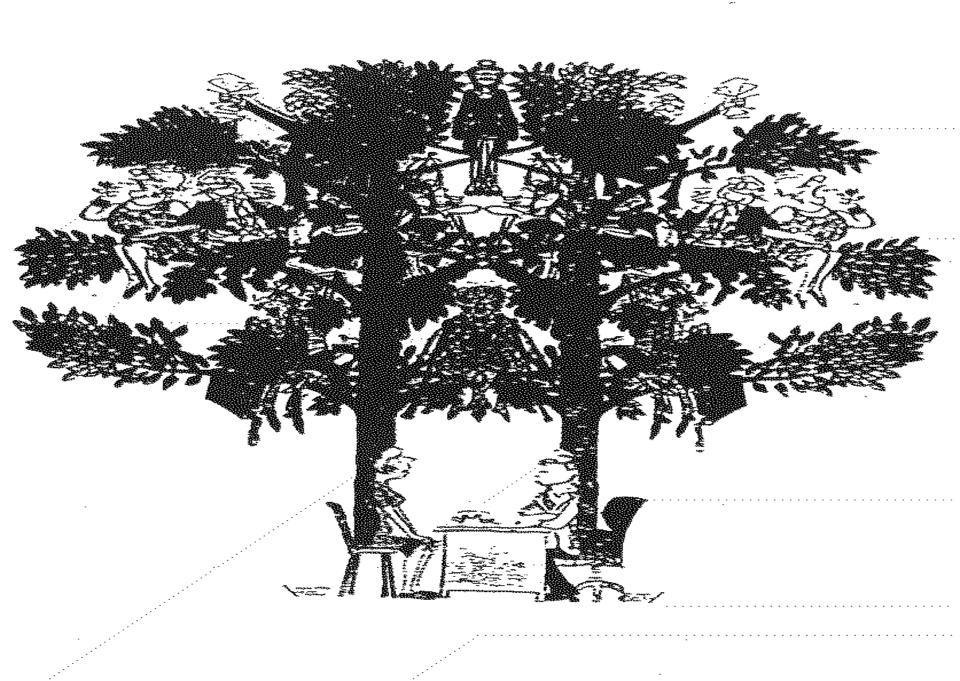
- biopsychosocial photograph: includes genetic, other medical, and relationship information
- most efficient record keeping



Dirk brings his family tree to class.







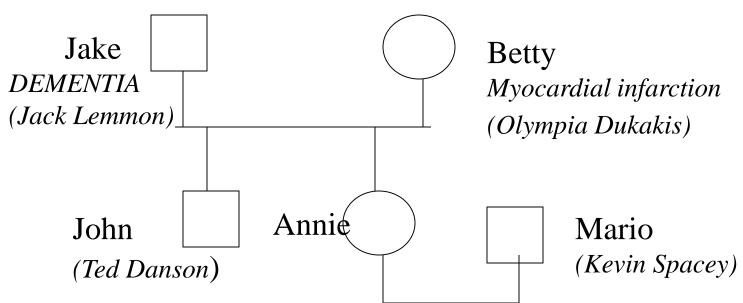
## "Dad": a case example from a film

From a popular US movie in the 1990s with several famous US actors

Illustrates how an illness affects a family, especially family roles, and how a family can influence the outcome from an illness

Imagine that you are a member of the health care team caring for this family









## First scene

John (son) returns home and explains to his father that Betty (mother) has had a heart attack and can no longer care for him in the way that she has been doing.





### Second scene: visit to the hospital

Family - Dad, John (son), Annie (daughter) and Mario (son-inlaw) visit Betty in the hospital.

Betty objects to John's efforts to make Dad more independent.





## As Betty's health care team

Consider how you would convince Betty not to resume all the housework after discharge from the hospital and continue to do everything for Dad.

How would you conduct an interview with the family to arrange a safe discharge plan for Betty.



### SHARED CARE WITH COLLEAGUES

Best Practices and Challenges
Collaborating across Disciplinary Cultures







## Medical Family Therapy and Integrated Care Second Edition

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# COLLABORATION ACROSS DISCIPLINES

- \*Recent research regarding interprofessional teamwork in healthcare
- \*Clinical applications, such as integrated primary care



### **NEW MODEL OF PRIMARY CARE**

from physician-centered care to collaborative, team-based care



The complexity of healthcare in the Information Age means that no one person can know everything

## **RELATIONAL SKILLS**

- \*building trust and psychological safety that allows for resolution of inevitable conflicts
- \*role clarity, while also providing back-up behaviors when needed
- \*clear communication
  - -reflective listening
  - -check for understanding
- \*managing anxiety without triangulation



## DISTRIBUTED LEADERSHIP

- \*Rotate roles in team meetings
- \*Adopt 360 degree evaluations of all team members





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## **TEAMS** are now commonplace

Our safety, security, comfort, and innovation depend on good teamwork and collaboration





# TEAMS are more effective than the sum of the work of individuals





manage complexity and produce more than individuals because team members

\*combine their diverse, complementary capabilities

\*monitor one another to reduce errors

\*shift the workload as needed.



# GEOGRAPHICALLY- DISPERSED HEALTHCARE TEAMS

\*ambiguous roles with re to teamwork

\*loosely coordinated

\*low task interdependence





### **ON-SITE HEALTHCARE TEAMS**

- \*well-functioning in terms of teamwork
- \*interdependent
- \*reciprocal coordination





# TEAMS NEED PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFETY TO PROSPER

when leaders admit their own mistakes, others feel they too can safely communicate errors



# **Goal of Team-Building**

to create an environment where psychological safety can flourish, and the team can develop processes to resolve conflicts, mitigate errors, learn together, & improve performance





Improve team functioning through reflection
Contributes even more than huddles to
effectiveness





## **TEAM SKILLS**

- \*Coordination
- \*Communication
- \*Adaptability





#### **Team Skills**

### COORDINATION

\*Shared Goal-Setting

\*Shared Mental Model

(eg, the biopsychosocial approach)

# Team Skills COMMUNICATION SKILLS

- \*Quality more important than frequency
- \*No jargon



#### **Team Skills**

### **ADAPTABILITY**

to adjust behaviors and strategies in response to change in order to be efficient and functional



# A TEAM OF EXPERTS DOES NOT NECESSARILY MAKE AN EXPERT TEAM!



#### **Team Member Selection**

### How Do We Select for "Team-ness?"

\*we don't know for sure!

\*it's about how team members complement each other

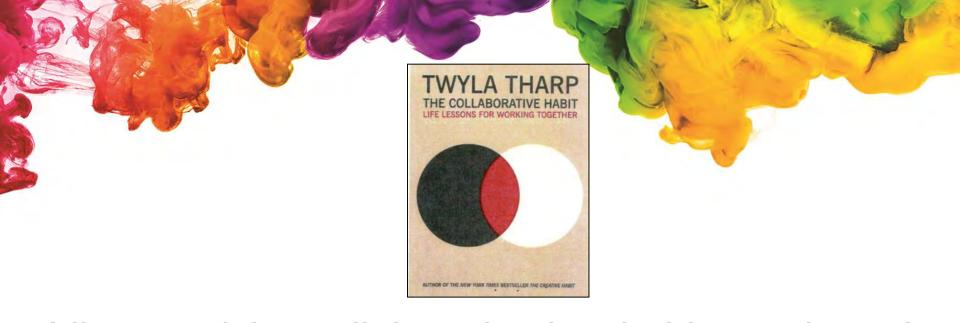


### **TEAM TRAINING WORKS!**

It improves:
teamwork competencies
leader capabilities
interpersonal relationships
team processes



# COLLABORATION & TEAMWORK



Like creativity, collaboration is a habit—and one I encourage you to develop.

. . . .

Collaboration may be a practice—a way of working in harmony with others—but it begins with a point of view.



# Integration= the outcome

- \*integrate of health and mental health care
- \*provide comprehensive biopsychosocial care
- \*heal the mind-body split



# Collaboration= the process to achieve integration

\*working together with the patient and the family

\*working together as a team of health professionals.



### **A Continuum of Working Together**



# Social and Structural Issues that get in the way of Collaboration

\*Financial barriers

\*Practice style

\*Cultural barriers

# **Physicians**

- Cold, insensitive
- Rigid, Controlling
- Egotistical, arrogant
- Obsessive compulsive
- Pressed for time
- Technician, counterdependent
- Somatically-fixated



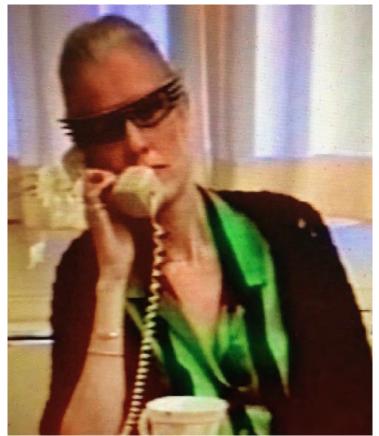
# **Psychologists**

- Too cerebral, impractical
- Touchy-feely, wishy-washy
- Impotent, neurotic
- Weird, flaky
- Not <u>real</u> docs!
- Right-brained & left-winged
- Psychosocially-fixated

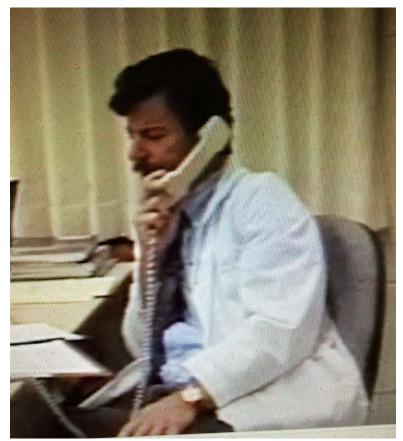
# A REFERRAL BY A PHYSICIAN TO A THERAPIST

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# I'M OKAY AND YOU'RE NOT!

## Cultural Differences Between Behavioral Health Professionals and Primary Care Physicians

- Working styles
- Theoretical paradigms
- Languages
- Beliefs about confidentiality



# Overcoming Stereotypes & Disciplinary Tribalism

- \*Professional training to developing a strong identity in the discipline
- \*Interprofessional training to collaborate
  - --using principles for effective teamwork
  - --learning what each discipline is good for
  - --developing respectful, personal relationships across disciplines

TABLE 3.1
Levels of Systemic Collaboration Between Therapists and Other Health Professionals

Level	Description	Location	Handles adequately	Handles inadequately
Minimal collaboration	Separate facilities and systems	Private practice, most agencies	Routine medical or psycho- social problems	Refractory problems or those with biopsycho- social interplay
Basic collaboration, off-site	Rarely communicate Separate facilities and systems Periodic communication about patients, linkages, treatment planning	Setting with active referral linkages	Patients with moderate biopsychosocial interplay (e.g., diabetes, depression)	Problems with significant biopsychosocial interplay
Basic collaboration, on-site	Separate mental health and other health care systems in the same facility Regular communication and appreciation of each other's work Ill-defined teams, no common language Physicians have more power and influence than other providers, who may resent this	Some HMOs, rehabilita- tion settings, medical clinics, without systemic approaches to collabora- tion, mutual consultation, and team building	Patients with moderate biopsychosocial interplay who require occasional face-to-face interactions among providers and coordinated treatment plans	Problems with significant biopsychosocial interplay and ongoing, challenging management problems
Close     collaboration     in a partly     integrated     system	Shared site and systems Regular interaction, mutual consultations Shared systemic and bio- psychosocial paradigm Routines difficult, some attention to team building Unresolved tensions over physicians' greater power and influence on the team	Some HMOs, CHCs, reha- bilitation settings, hospice, family medicine, and other clinical settings that sys- tematically build teams	Problems with significant biopsychosocial interplay and management prob- lems (e.g., chronic illness, somatization)	Complex patients with multiple providers and multiple systems, espe- cially with conflicting agendas among provid- ers or triangulation by patients or families
5. Close collaboration in a fully integrated system	Shared site, systems and biopsychosocial vision Shared expectations for team-based prevention and treatment Regular team meetings Conscious effort to balance power and influence among providers, according to patient need and provider expertise	Some large, closed health systems, primary care clinics, hospice, etc.	The most difficult and com- plex biopsychosocial problems with challenging management issues	Patients with insufficient team resources or break- downs in collaboration with larger systems

Note. Data from Doherty (1995). CHC = community health center.



Ill patients are an existential reminder of our humanity, our vulnerability, our ultimate lack of control, often stimulating strong emotions in patients, families, and health professionals.



## Collaboration

- \*stimulates hope
- \*results in acts of generosity
- \*can mitigate against the epidemic of clinician burn-out



## **Clinician Satisfaction**

one of the most important outcomes of integrated healthcare for both health and mental health professionals



## **BIOPSYCHOSOCIAL APPROACH**

- \*Self-awareness
- \*Self-calibration
- \*Self-regulation
- \*Self-care



# KNOW OUR OWN FAMILY HISTORY OF HEALTH & ILLNESS



Behind every health professional is a person with a family who has a history of medical and mental health issues



How do you take care of yourself?







## A biopsychosocial approach to genetic conditions

is

# humanizing





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