

Video 3: A trainee explains

A trainee is having a discussion with her supervisor.

Dominique: Myriam, did you have time to review Ms. Lalonde's file?

Myriam: Yes. In fact, I read a few additional articles and I even synthesized them. (The trainee shows the document to her supervisor.) I will then be able to provide better explanations to Ms. Lalonde.

Dominique: Very good. Ready to go?

Myriam: Yes.

In the room... A trainee is having a discussion with the patient, while her supervisor is observing the intervention.

Ms. Lalonde: What is it?

Myriam: Based on my observations, Ms. Lalonde, you have a cholesteatoma.

Ms. Lalonde: Pardon me?

Myriam: Yes, a congenital cholesteatoma, meaning a concentration of squamous keratinized epithelium. An important buildup of dead cells in the middle ear and mastoid contributed to the growth of a pseudotumor by eroding the inner linings of the ear.

Ms. Lalonde: I don't understand a word! Am I going to die?

Myriam: To treat you, we will have to...

Dominique: (Interrupts Myriam) Wait a minute Myriam. Ms. Lalonde, you have a rather serious ear infection.

Ms. Lalonde: Okay...

What is threw trainee's style?

Answer: Myriam is a THEORIST

Have you ever supervised a theorist trainee? What were his strengths and challenges?

What characterizes Myriam's theorist style?

Answer:

Characteristics:

- Demonstrates logic and consistency in organizing ideas and knowledge
- Resolves problems in analytical and systematic fashion
- Expresses himself in terms of duty and obligations
- Is able to synthesize information and further his reflection
- Shows intellectual curiosity
- Judges the value of ideas for their theoretical relevancy rather than their practicality
- Prefers solitary work to team work
- Has a tendency to flee from action or to become passive
- Has low tolerance for uncertainty, subjectivity and intuition

Let's look at your last answer.

Did you identify any biases?

The theorist trainee is sometimes perceived as a being "airy-fairy", lacking in realism and practicality.