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PSYCHODYNAMIC APPROACH OF SUICIDE

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Objective: There are three well-known theories of psychodynamic of suicide: Freud's (suicide as a result of displacement of murderous impulses from a love object that are directed toward an internalized object), Menninger's (wish to destroy the lives of the survivors) and Fenichel's (fulfillment of reunion wish with a lost loved figure).

Methods: We described results from an empirical study of psychodynamic concepts of suicidal behavior in the sample consists of 30 hospitalized persons following a suicide attempt by self poisoning treated at Clinic for toxicology in Military Medical Academy Belgrade Serbia.

Results: In the view of three well-known theories of psychodynamic of suicide we presented some vignettes that described each of the theory.

Conclusions: To put suicide attempt in a psychodynamic context, clinicians must understand psychodynamic of suicide behavior, which can help them in their work with patients' crisis intervention