PSYCHIATRY GRAND ROUNDS

"THE ABSENCE OF FREE WILL AND OUR THERAPEUTIC POSITION"

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THIS ACTIVITY IS DESIGNED TO HELP YOU:

- State the differences among libertarian, deterministic, and compatibilist accounts of free will
- Describe the evidence for the absence of free will
- State why our patients could not be other than they are at any moment, especially any moment in the therapeutic encounter
- Describe how the absence of free will changes how we view therapeutic neutrality, the therapeutic position, countertransference, and empathy

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