Transduction, Re-entrance, Translation: A Neuropsychoanalytical Case Study (NPSA Montreal 2008)

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Intergenerational Transmission of Trauma in CHS

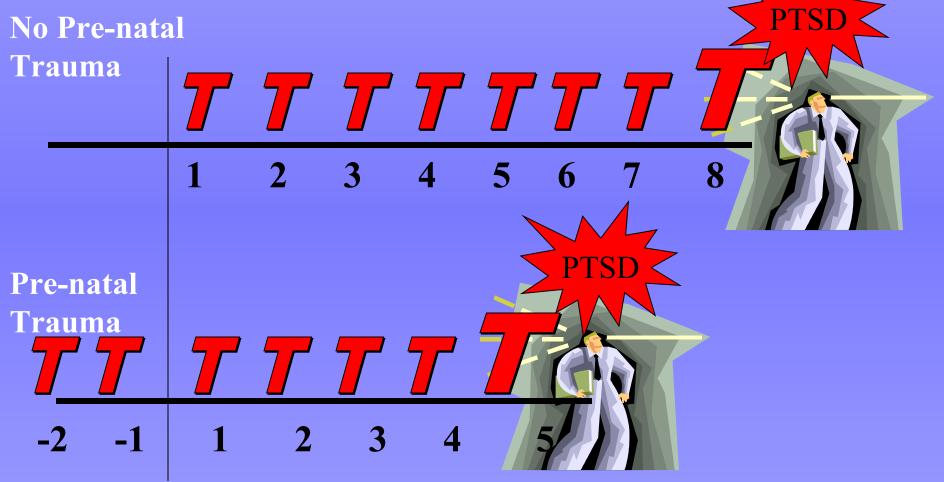
 Intro: a) Rakoff (1969): Children and Families of Concentration Camp Survivors Eitinger (1961); Niederland (1968); Krystal (1968): Survivor Syndrome; b) Families: Danieli (1980): 4 Distinctive Subtypes of Families: 1.VICTIM; 2. FIGHTER; 3. NUMB; 4. THOSE WHO MADE IT; Bergmann & Jucovy (1982); c) Solomon (1988): Israeli CHS who developed combat-related PTSD took longer to recover compared to control.

II) Lifetime Cumulative Effect of Tr & Cortisol Changes: Resnick, Yehuda, Pitman (1995); McFarlane, Atchison, Yehuda (1997)

II)Vulnerability/Resiliency: a)Prenatal: stress exposure

during pregnancy- (Davis, Glynn, Snidman, Wadhwa, Schetter, & Sandman, 2004); b)Postnatal: Novac and Hubert-Schneider (1998): Higher likelihood of comorbidity in CHS; Yehuda et al. (1998): Vulnerability to PTSD in adult offspring of Holocaust survivors ; Kendler et al (1988): Nongenetic Transmission of Traits For additional information regarding this subject, please contact Dr. Novac at anovacmd@gmail.com

Cumulative Effect of Trauma and Vulnerability



Intergenerational Trans...(cont'd)

- In Humans= as a "package," including vulnerability to traumatic stress:
- Also described in rhesus monkeys (Soumi & Levine)
- Mechanisms of transmission:
- (1)Verbal and non-verbal transmission of info
- (2) Transmission of acquired traits (vertical, non-genetric)

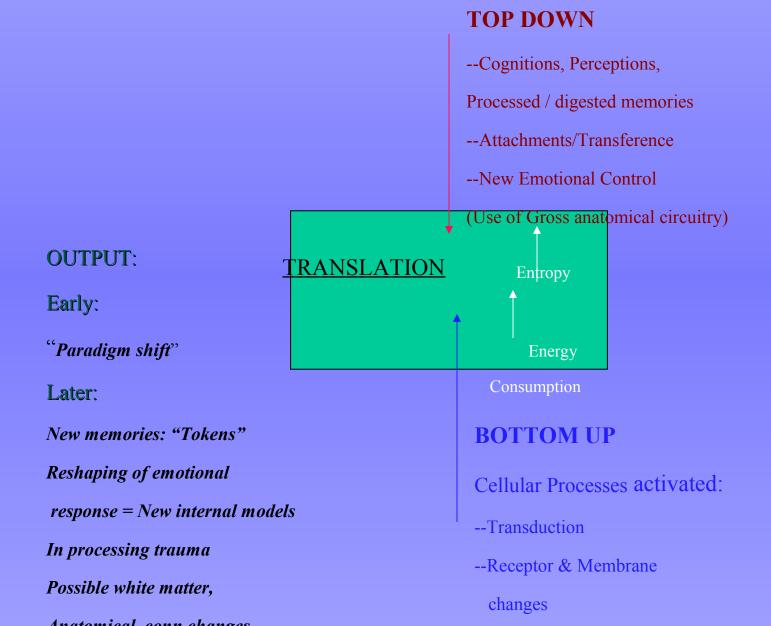
(3) Intrafamilial microtraumatization (unpredictable environment)
(4) Prenatal traumatization
(5) Attachment Patterns (AAI)
Secure/Autonomous (F)
Secure (B)
Dismissive (Ds)*
Avoidant (A)
Preoccupied (E)
Resistant (C)
Unresolved /
Disorganized (U/D)*
Disoriented (D)

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Signal Transduction = Perceptions are converted into cellular processes like influx of Na and Ca⁺⁺ & efflux of K; ATP dependent ion pumps and exchanges maintain ionic equilibrium; intracellular conc. of cyclic guanine monophosphate (cGMP) when cells activated transducin catalyzes the break-down cGMP

Re-entrance= Heimer's work: The piriform (olfactory) cortex terminates in the ventral striatum rather than in the anterior-lateral hypothalamus, as was widely accepted before. The amygdaloid complex also projects into the ventral striatum.

Translation in Neuropsychoanalysis



- Translation = A curative transformation obtained through repetition, by which old defenses and implicit memory sequences are converted (relearned?) into new "complex memories" that maintain a longterm bridge to the analytical experience.
- = Translating old self into New Self =