

## **Psychoanalytical Therapy** Dr. Varsha Sharma

## Assumptions

- Unconscious functioning is important
- It can come out with association
- Later mental process is connected to past
- Psychosexual development is imp.
- Unconscious is necessary as conscious experience leave gap in mental life and unconscious process bridge the gap

- Determinism chain of events
- Topography accessibility to consciousness
- Dynamic viewpoint- libidinal and aggressive impulses
- Genetic viewpoint- present conflict, character, neurotic symptoms are related to childhood events, wishes and fantasies

- Id, Ego and Super Ego
- Consciousness and Unconsciousness
- Dreams- symbolic representation of unconscious needs, wishes, and conflicts
- Slip of tongue and forgetting
- For Freud consciousness is a thin slice of the total mind
- Most psychological functioning exists in the out of awareness realm

- Anxiety
- It's a feeling of dread that results from repressed feelings, memories, desires and experience that emerge to the surface of awareness
- It can develop out of a conflict among the id, ego and superego.

- Ego Defense Mechanism
- Helps the individual to solve the daily ego conflicts
- They either deny or distort reality
- They operate on an unconscious level

# Therapeutic techniques

- Maintaining the analytic framework
- Free association
- Dream analysis
- Interpretation
- Analysis of resistance
- Analysis of transference

#### Steps of Psychoanalytical therapy

- The Opening Phase
- The development phase
- Working through phase
- Resolution of the transference phase