

CBT for Social Anxiety

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Introduction



Myths or Facts

- Social Anxiety is just extreme shyness
- Social Anxiety is only about fear of public speaking
- Medication alone is sufficient to treat Social Anxiety Disorder
- Social Anxiety Disorder often begins in adulthood
- Social Anxiety Disorder is one of the most common anxiety disorders



Social Anxiety

- Excessive fear of social or performance situations
- Negative self-perception
- Avoidance behaviors or severe anxiety during social interactions
- Interference with daily life
- 7% of the population
- Age of onset: teenager
- Specific social anxiety = performance anxiety
- Can be 2 opposites



Diagnostic Criteria

Marked fear or anxiety about one or more social situations in which the individual is exposed to possible scrutiny by others

The individual fears that he or she will act in a way or show anxiety symptoms that will be negatively evaluated

The social situations are avoided or endured with intense fear or anxiety

The fear, anxiety, or avoidance is persistent, typically lasting for 6 months or more



The Cognitive Model



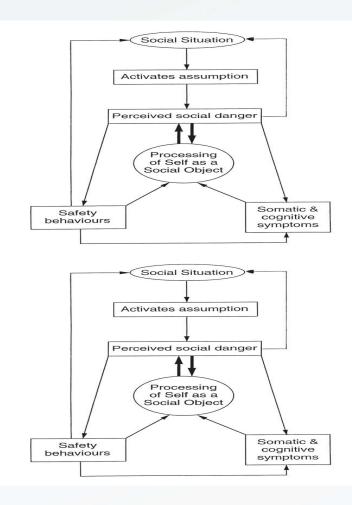
CBT - Recap

Thoughts

Behaviors

Emotions







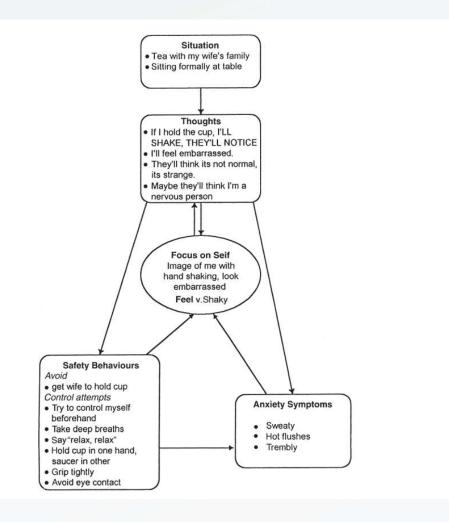
- Beliefs: I am not good enough / I am less
- Others are better / Others are judgmental
- Rules: I should do everything perfectly
 I shouldn't show my anxiety symptoms



Safety Behaviors

- Can be internal mental processes
- Try to prevent each feared outcome
- Can create some of the symptoms that social phobics fear
- Have the consequence of increasing self focused attention and self-monitoring
- Can draw other people's attention to the patient
- Some safety behaviors influence other people in a way which partly confirms the social phobic's fears







Treatment



Self Focus

Self-focus is associated with feeling more anxious



Safety Behaviors

Da	ate	Situation		Experiment		<u>Prediction</u>		<u>Outcome</u>		What I learned
			•	What can you do to test your fears?	•	What do you think will happen? How much do you believe it will,0-100%? How would you know if it had? Anxiety 0- 100%	•	What actually happened? What did you notice about yourself (T, F, B)? Were any of your predictions correct?	•	How can you apply what you learned in the future?



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Cognitive restructuring



Assumptions/ Core Belief

Later stage



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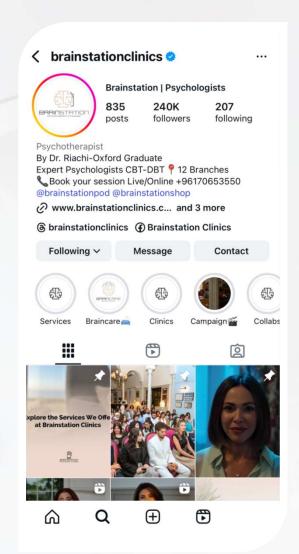
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