

DOCTOR-PATIENT-FAMILY TRIANGULATION QUESTIONS

1. Describe the relationship among the physician, the patient, and the other family members.
2. What role does the patient expect the doctor to play? What do the family members expect? What does the doctor expect of him/herself?
3. In what ways (if any) does this reading illustrate “permanent perfect parent (physician)”; dyadic enmeshment; illicit coalitions or scapegoating; a functional or ideal therapeutic alliance?
4. In what ways (if any) does the reading suggest a win-lose model? A win-win model?