

# The Shared Death Experience: A Little Known, But Common End-of-Life Phenomenon that Offers Remarkable Therapeutic Benefits

PRESENTER:

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In this presentation, Peters will define the Shared Death Experience, elaborate a typology, identify the remarkable aftereffects and detail the clinical methods to optimize therapeutic benefit. Special attention will be given to Continuing Bonds approaches and ontological flexibility as a clinical stance when dealing with extraordinary end-of-life experiences. Peters will present video case studies from the Shared Crossing Research Initiative Library to illustrate the key features of the Shared Death Experience. The presentation will include time for Q&A.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Review the primary features of the Shared Death Experience
- Examine four therapeutic benefits of the Shared Death Experience
- Summarize the clinical methods that optimize the therapeutic benefit of the Shared Death Experience

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