Table hockey – attack or linking?
Psychoanalytic psychotherapy with an autistic boy

Has table hockey anything to do with psychotherapy? The enfolding process from withdrawal to separateness, intersubjectivity and playfulness is illustrated from a twice-weekly psychotherapy with a five-year autistic boy. Special attention is paid to how the boy used table hockey and how the play progressed through the intermedial area that the therapist provided. The table hockey became a tool for working with separateness, aggressiveness and body image. The significance of various approaches to working with children using table hockey in treatment will be discussed. Questions will be raised what games might represent for children in general and children in psychotherapy in particular.

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