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Instructions for Written Case Reports

Candidate case reports are due approximately yearly (10-12 months after the start date and yearly thereafter) until the case requirements are completed. If a total of 2 cases are completed, 3 reports on each case are required, and if a total of 3 cases are completed, then 2 reports for each case are required.

These reports have a number of purposes, including facilitating reflection on one's developmental progression in becoming an analyst (clearly a lifelong endeavor), identifying current and future learning needs and goals, and demonstrating the ability to formulate and write about clinical process. The format for the reports is flexible and the goal is to have the report-writing process itself be an integrated and interactive part of the supervisory learning process.

The first report on each case should include, briefly:

- Referral information
- Presenting problems
- Developmental history
- Initial impressions

However, the focus of all reports is the clinical process between analysand and analyst, and between analyst and supervisor. Candidates have often found it useful to identify a particularly "problematic" piece of the clinical process as a jumping-off point for the writing, which they then unpack along the way. Parallel processes within the supervisory relationship can also constitute such a jumping-off point. There are obviously many more portholes through which to enter the writing process.

The overarching objective of these reports is to promote a personally meaningful learning experience. Your Progression Mentor can be a key support in this process.

Please share your complete report with the case supervisor and your Progression Mentor.

Submit this form in electronic copy to tkalven@ccpsa.org and in hard copy to Toula Kalven, Chicago Center for Psychoanalysis at the above PO Box address. Please submit a second hard copy to Adina Keesom, Progression Chair, 708 Church St #243, Evanston, IL 60201. The completed form will be saved in your file.

