

# Study of Clinician and Behavior Analysts Behavior with Patients and Clients

We would greatly appreciate your completing this questionnaire. Please accept our personal thanks for your help. The purpose of this study is to develop a broader empirical basis for the understanding of clinician and applied behavior analysts behavior. It is to facilitate the discussion among members of our profession, and to further our understanding of clinical and behavioral practice cross-culturally. More specifically, we are interested in knowing how clinicians and behavior analysts of different cultures view certain behaviors and how these behaviors may affect patients and clients. You will be asked questions about whether or not a particular behavior is unacceptable when carried out in the arena of the clinician-patient relationship and whether these behaviors harm and/or benefit patients.

This study is being conducted by Michael Lamport Commons, Kathryn M. Adams, Patrice Marie Miller, Larry H. Strasburger and Thomas Gordon Gutheil. Your participation is completely voluntary and your answers will remain anonymous. There are no right or wrong answers. You may stop at any time. When you are done, please return the questionnaire to:

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## Consent Form

I understand the intent and requirements of this study. The information that I provide about my personal history, as well as the responses I give to these questions, will be **strictly confidential**. My identity will not be divulged in any discussion, lecture, address, or publication derived from this project. By responding to these questions, I agree to participate in this study.

\_\_\_\_\_Initial    \_\_\_\_ Month    \_\_\_\_ Day    \_\_\_\_ Year

Thank you in advance for help and participation. If you are interested in knowing about the results of this study, please write your name, address and e-mail address **on a separate sheet of paper**, along with the phrase: "Would like to receive results of this study?"

To begin, please check off or fill in the appropriate answers below.

Gender: M \_\_\_ F \_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Language used in Clinical Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree & Discipline or Specialization:

M.D. \_\_\_\_\_ Specialization: \_\_\_\_\_

Ph.D. \_\_\_\_\_ Discipline: \_\_\_\_\_

M.S.W. \_\_\_\_\_ Discipline: \_\_\_\_\_

J.D. \_\_\_\_\_

A.A. \_\_\_\_\_

B.A. or B.S. \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

ABA Student Member Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

ABA Member Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

ABA Certification Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

APA (Psychology) Member Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

APA (Psychology) Student Member Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Division 25 Student Member Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Division 25 Member Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Division 25 Fellow Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

APA Division 41- The American Psychology-Law Society

Member: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Licensed in Psychology: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Licensed Health Care Provider Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Board certified in forensic psychology: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Other national psychology organization Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Certifications Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in practice: \_\_\_\_\_

Yearly, approximately how many cases do you handle? \_\_\_\_\_

Weekly, what percent of time, do you do:

% Forensic work \_\_\_\_\_ % Clinical work \_\_\_\_\_ % of practice with children \_\_\_\_\_

% with adults \_\_\_\_\_ % with elderly \_\_\_\_\_

%Other Work?(specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Here are some things clinicians may do with patients. Think about the situation of a clinician with an adult patient who is not elderly. Consider your own cultural context, your professional discipline and your main type of practice. Then, please circle your choice.

		How <i>harmful</i> is this to the patient, where:						How <i>beneficial</i> is this to the patient, where:						In what <b>percentage</b> of cases is this behavior professionally <i>unacceptable</i> ?			
		Not at all				Very		Not at all				Very					
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	?	
1	Shaking hands	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
2	Making home visits with medical activity	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
3	Patting patient on back	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
4	Borrowing money from a patient	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
5	Necking with patient	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
6	Touching each others breasts or sex organs	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
7	Seeking advice from patient	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
8	Hugging patient to comfort	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
9	Being employed by a patient outside therapy	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
10	Hugging patient in greeting	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
11	Acting on stock tips from patient	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
12	Having photos of your family in the office	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
13	Evaluatively commenting on patient's partner	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
14	Attending patient's child's graduation	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
15	Telling patient your history of substance abuse	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
16	Attending patient's art exhibition without patient	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
17	Submitting false bills with patient's knowledge	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
18	Displaying your professional awards in office	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
19	Attending funeral of patient's family member	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
20	Giving patient a ride home in a routine situation	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
21	Going out for drinks with patient	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
22	Displaying your degrees on the wall of office	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
23	Having lunch or dinner with patient	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
24	Writing an excuse for patient	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
25	Making home visits with social activity	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
26	Accepting inexpensive gift at end of treatment	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
27	Buying a patient's product or services	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
28	Holding hands with patient	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
29	Giving backrub to patient	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
30	Discussing therapeutic issues outside the office	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100
31	Lending a small amount of money to patient	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	0	1	2	3	4	5	6		0 2 16 50 84 98 100

32	Giving a patient a foot rub	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
33	Hugging a patient	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
34	Physically pushing patient	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
35	Employing a patient	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
36	Pretending not to see a patient when in public	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
37	Seeking patient data outside professional channels	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
38	Buying product recommended by patient	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
39	Embracing a patient with a long kiss	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
40	Phoning patient about non-therapeutic issues	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
41	Giving patient inexpensive gift during treatment	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
42	Entering into a joint venture with patient	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
43	Attending patient's graduations	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
44	Making fun of patient	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
45	Kissing patient on lips	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
46	Telling your romantic involvements to patient	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
47	Attending patient's wedding	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
48	Identifying another patient to your patient	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
49	Exceeding the allotted time for treatment	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
50	Telling patient your history of physical abuse	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
51	Giving reasons for your scheduled absence	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
52	Driving patient home in an emergency	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
53	Patient passing through living area to home office	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
54	Telling patient about personal medical condition	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
55	Introducing patients as potential romantic partners	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
56	Sitting with patient in cafeteria both go to	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
57	Coming on to or trying to seduce a patient	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
58	Hitting patient	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
59	Going along with patient's advances	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
60	Having sexual intercourse with patient	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
61	Telling patient your marital status	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
62	Going to a small outside event patient attends	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
63	Attending patient's funeral	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
64	Getting your child to play with patient's child	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
65	Allowing patient, who has no other place to stay, to spend the night in your home	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100

66	Telling sexually suggestive stories or jokes	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
67	Bartering in lieu of payment for clinical services	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
68	Remaining at event when patient appears	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
69	Making sexist remarks	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
70	Telling your financial status to patient	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
71	Socializing with patient at outside event	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
72	Offering refreshments in office during therapy	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
73	Pretending sex is therapy	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
74	Telling patient your sexual orientation	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
75	Telling your feelings about your personal life	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
76	Giving patient a gift of substantial monetary value	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
77	Selling products or non-therapy services to patient	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
78	Emotionally reacting to patient's statements	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
79	Telling patient you once had a similar problem	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
80	Kissing patient on the cheek	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
81	Accepting a valuable present during treatment	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
82	Attending patient s performance	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
83	Lowering fees for one patient only	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
84	Yelling at patient	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
85	Phoning patient about treatment after office hours	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
86	Telling your training and credentials to patient	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100
87	Paying patient to do any of the above	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 1 2 3 4 5 6	0 2 16 50 84 98 100

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