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- Identify possible attachment behaviors in a patient as a result of the effects of loss in the third (grandparent) generation.
- Construct and analyze a three-generational genogram to assess transgenerational vulnerabilities.
- Compare how raising issue of loss affects interaction in a process group.
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- Attitude toward T. was distant and uninvolved

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- 7 years old when father died
- Took in stride
- Not allowed out of car by Grandfather (M)
- Raised by Grandparents (M)

Turner D., Jr.
- 34 yr

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Business Exec.
- 58 yr

Mrs. D.
Graduate Nurse
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Turner D., Jr.
- 26 yr
- Had schizophrenic episode at 26 when pregnant wife said she felt life in her belly.
- Recovered in 6 months.
- Obtained job as research engineer which he kept for 10 years
- Symptoms recurred during wife’s second trimester with next 2 pregnancies
- 2 more hospitalizations, each 6 months