

Dissociative Disorder

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In the demonstration video, the first client is referred to as Jesse. The therapist asks Jesse a series of questions regarding a school shooting. Jesse denies knowing anything about a shooting and appears genuinely puzzled at the question. Jesse remembers every detail of the events of that day leading up to the time of the shooting. Jesse reported that she doesn't remember anything about history class or the rest of the day. Jesse indicates that she has been isolating. Jesse indicates that she is experiencing anxiety, poor appetite and impaired sleep. Jesse denies having nightmares. Jesse is displaying lapses in dependable memory with impaired functions that are consistent with criteria associated with DID.

The next client is a schoolteacher. She presents as if she is in a state of shock and confusion. She displays gaps in recall of the day's events as evidenced by that she cannot remember who brought her to the appointment. She states that she is wearing her clothes from yesterday as if she has lost track of time. She is displaying criteria of alterations in perception and memory. She gets distressed as she describes that someone named Kathryn was teaching her class. She is describing criteria A of suddenly becoming a depersonalized observer of her actions. Then she says that she saw herself standing in the hallway and someone put their arm on her shoulder. She corrects herself and states that it was Kathryn's shoulder and then changes back to her shoulder. The client describes feeling as if she is dreaming stating, "it was like someone else was there". She went on to describe seeing her husband telling a woman that she went to the wrong school which was the clients' old job. The client is displaying a lapse in dependable

memory. The therapists asks about the school shooting and the client claims that she doesn't know anything about that and that her tv does not work.