



Queen's University
Department of Psychiatry
GRAND ROUNDS

Friday, October 7th, 2022

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12:00–1:00 pm

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**“Mothers Have to Be There
to Be Left”: An Application
of Erna Furman’s 1982
Publication to Work with
Youth and their Families on
an Acute Psychiatric Unit**

Queen's Psychiatry Grand Rounds is a self-approved group learning activity (Section 1) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification Program of The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada

Upcoming Rounds: October 14th, 2022

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Dr. Alexandra Ruhr: “**Mothers Have to Be There to Be Left**”: An Application of Erna Furman’s 1982 Publication to Work with Youth and their Families on an Acute Psychiatric Unit

Learning Objectives

1. Explore reflections on child development, with a particular emphasis placed on the ideas of René Spitz, Margaret Mahler, Erna Furman and Jack and Kerry Novick.
2. Discuss Erna Furman’s (1982) publication “Mothers have to be there to be left” and explore the relevance of these ideas to my work with three families on an acute psychiatric unit.
3. Discuss the limitations inherent in this line of inquiry, with guidance provided by the writings of Patrick Casement and Fred Busch as to how one might helpfully introduce these ideas to families.

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