

DOSSIER: For a new clinical approach. The return of the clinical approach of work over the clinical approach of breast cancer.

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Abstract: For psychodynamics, work, as the great mediator of human health, implies the full subjectivity. This reveals that the act of working is an experience which is able to positively transform subjectivity. On the ground of Christophe Dejours' work on the psychodynamics of work and of the introduction of a case report, we suggest to discuss the psychological treatment which takes place in the context of the psychosomatic treatment of breast cancer, from the perspective of a clinical approach to work, which argues that work is a core element in the conquest and reconquest of health in any human life. In this qualitative study, we adopted the methodology of psychoanalytic interview, centred on the clinical approach to work. Our results show that the transformations operated through the double feature of work activity – Arbeit/Poïesis – in the psychological structure of the patient contributed to the remission process of her cancer.

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