Psychoanalytic reflections on the clinical treatment of patients with somatic or painful condition

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## **The Body-Mind Matrix**

- How does each of us become a "person", distinct from all other persons (or an individual)?
- Mother Universe (Breast Universe)
- One body fantasy
  - There is only one body and one mind for two people.
- Separation-individuation
- Self-object concept

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 The attachment perspective on mentalization and the mind-body conundrum:

– The "<u>speaking body</u>"

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## MENTALIZATION

 Imaginatively perceiving and interpreting
behavior of one self and
others as conjoined with
intentional mental states,
*holding mind in mind*



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 Mentalization is the intrapsychic capacity that contains and transforms bodily experiences

Speaking Body



