

Dialysis through Telephone

The True and Only Polle Syndrome

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MUNCHAUSEN SYNDROME BY PROXY THE HINTERLAND OF CHILD ABUSE

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Summary Some patients consistently produce false stories and fabricate evidence, so causing themselves needless hospital investigations and operations. Here are described parents who, by falsification, caused their children innumerable harmful hospital procedures—a sort of Munchausen syndrome by proxy.

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MUNCHAUSEN FAMILY

... To find a name for this syndrome we sought the family history of Hieronymous Karl Frederick von Münchhausen (1720-97). He married Jacobine von Dunten in 1744, but we can find no reference to any children of this marriage. Jacobine died in 1790 and Münchhausen married the 17-year-old Bernhardine Brun in 1794. In 1795 Bernhardine gave birth to Polle, who died one year later. As Bernhardine spent her wedding night dancing with another, the paternity of Polle must be suspect. We suggest cases similar to those reported by Dr Meadow should be known as the Polle syndrome—a child of a Munchausen whose life expectancy is liable to be short.

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Munchausen by Proxy or Polle Syndrome: Which Term Is Correct?

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Profession of the “Victims”

Physician	4	Nurse	1
Psycholog. /Psychotherapist			3
Speech Ther.	2	Social Worker	1
Teacher	1	Sociologist	1
German Lit.	1	Publisher	1
Prof. (agricult)	1	Court Official	1
Pharmaceut.	1	Housewife	1

Profession of the “Mother”

Physician: 10 x

Physical Therapist: 2 x

Dental Technician: 1 x

No data: 6 x

Fate of the “Father”

Death (Car accident) 13 x

Death (Accident. Poisoning) 1 x

Fate of the „Mother“

Death (Cancer) 4 x

Fate of the “Child”

Death: 7 x

Hospital: 7 x

Healthy: 2 x

No data: 3 x

Adopted: 5 x

Katharina Harsanyi

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**died painfully as the result of her
maltreatment at the age of three
by her foster parents.**

Barbara Heitzmann

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S u m m a r y I

- 3. First telephone contact „accidentally“**
- 2. Over weeks intensive telephone conversation and visits of the „Mother“, never the „Child“**
- 3. Illness and death of the „Child“**
- 4. Sudden loss of any contact**

Summary II

- 5. Period of sorrow, disappointment, anger and depression on the „Victims“ side.**
- 5. Fruitless police contacts**
- 7. Learning the truth**
- 8. Help and consolation by other „Victims“**

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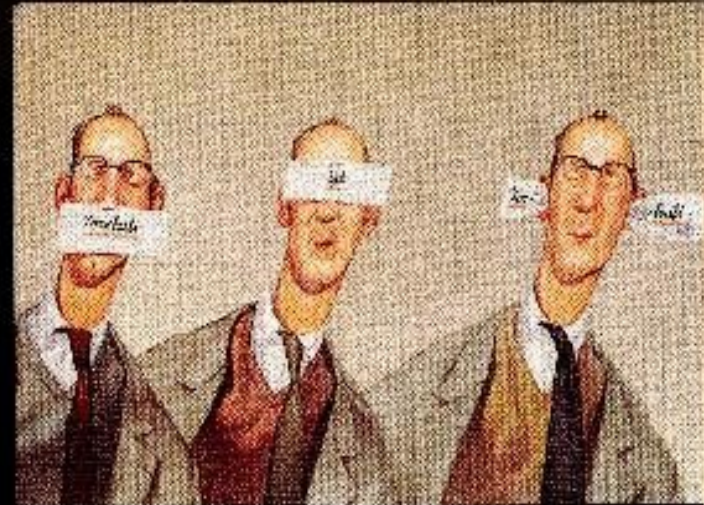
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präzise inszeniert, spannend und überraschend.“ FAZ

Wie weit gehst Du,
wenn Du einsam bist?

VALERIE KOCH ESTHER SCHWEINS
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