

# PUBLISHED CASE STUDIES, INDEXED BY SYMPTOM, DEMONSTRATING THE THERAPEUTIC RECONSOLIDATION PROCESS, AS FACILITATED IN COHERENCE THERAPY, PROMPTLY PRODUCING TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE

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- Some publications are listed for more than one symptom.
- Coherence Therapy prior to 2005 was known as Depth Oriented Brief Therapy or DOBT.
- In the symptom column, terms in brackets indicate the discovered, underlying emotional themes where this is likely to be of special interest.
- "UEB" stands for *Unlocking the Emotional Brain: Memory Reconsolidation and the Psychotherapy of Transformational Change* (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition) by Bruce Ecker, Robin Ticic, and Laurel Hulley (2024, in press, Routledge). All other publications are indicated in the list of references below the symptom index.

Symptom	Publication	Chapter / Page Numbers
Agoraphobia with delusion	Ecker & Hulley, 1996	28–39
Alcoholism	Martignetti, 2024: UEB	Ch. 16
Anger/rage	Ecker, 2018 Ecker, Ticic & Hulley, 2013a UEB Vaz & Ecker, 2020 Neimeyer, 2009 Ecker & Hulley, 1996	See citation (Section 7.1) See citation Ch. 5, Raoul See citation 91–95 186–194
Anxiety	Ecker & Hulley, 2000b Ecker, 2003 UEB	63–89 See citation Ch. 3, Richard
Anxiety, social	UEB UEB UEB Ecker, Ticic & Hulley, 2013a Ecker, Ticic & Hulley, 2013b	Ch. 5, Regina Ch. 16, Cliff Ch. 20 See citation See citation

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Attachment insecurity		
merging, obsession.....	UEB Ecker & Hulley, 1996	Ch. 4, Charlotte 167–170, 211–214
avoidance of intimacy.....	UEB	Ch. 5, Travis
obsession with following rules....	Lydon, 2024: UEB	Ch. 21
unable to leave parent's home...	Sibson & Ticic, 2014	See citation
negative attention.....	Ecker & Hulley, 2008a	See citation
[terror of mother's rage].....	Ecker & Hulley, 2008b	---
[parental rejection].....	Ecker & Hulley, 2008c	---
[had to be the perfect child]....	Ecker & Hulley, 2016	---
Borderline personality	Vaz & Ecker, 2020	See citation
Child's emotional instability	Ciechowicz, 2024: UEB	Ch. 23
Child's self-blame for parents' divorce	Bussanich, 2024: UEB	Ch. 24
Child's social aggression	Ecker & Hulley, 1996	221–230
Compulsive behavior		
eating, overweight.....	Ecker & Hulley, 2008a Geoghegan, 2024: UEB	See citation Ch. 17
lateness.....	Ecker & Hulley, 2016	---
Couple therapy		
always fighting again.....	Ecker & Hulley, 1996	22–24
[molest, complex trauma].....	Ecker & Hulley, 1996	240–256
chronic conflict.....	Ecker & Hulley, 1999a	32–41
sexual, weight problems.....	Ecker & Hulley, 1999b	See citation
power conflicts.....	Ecker & Hulley, 2000a	181–187
Depression		
with disability.....	Connor, 2024: UEB	Ch. 18
with workaholism.....	Ecker & Hulley, 1996	63–91
over daughter's molestation.....	Ecker & Hulley, 1996	184–185
long-term "black cloud".....	Ecker & Hulley, 2002a Ecker & Bridges, 2020	See citation See citation
in complicated bereavement.....	Ecker & Hulley, 2008d	---
annually recurring.....	Ecker & Hulley, 2008c	---
of a middle-aged woman.....	Ecker 2015	26–27
Disruptive behavior of young teen	Noppe-Brandon, 2024b: UEB	Ch. 22
Family problems		
blended family problems.....	Neimeyer & Raskin, 2001 Neimeyer & Bridges, 2003	407–411 308–310
son's social aggression, A.D.D. ...	Ecker & Hulley, 1996	221–230
Grief: complicated bereavement	Ecker & Hulley, 2008d Neimeyer et al., 2010	--- 80–82
Guilt		
of a father.....	Sibson, 2024: UEB	Ch. 15
of a step-mother.....	Neimeyer & Raskin, 2001	407–411
Hallucination and delusion	Connor, 2024: UEB	Ch. 18
Homophobic persecution	Noppe-Brandon, 2024a: UEB	Ch. 20

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Low self-worth	Ecker & Hulley, 1996	42–63, 116
	Ecker & Hulley, 2002a	See citation
	UEB	Ch. 3, Richard
	UEB	Ch. 5, Regina
	UEB	Ch. 20
Panic attacks	Ecker & Hulley, 2000b	63–89
	Ecker & Hulley, 2002b	See citation
	Ecker, 2003	See citation
	UEB	Ch. 21
Perfectionism	Vaz & Ecker, 2020	See citation
Phobia: fear of flying	Martignetti & Jordan, 2001	See citation
	Neimeyer & Bridges, 2003	308–310
Procrastination, inaction	Ecker, 2024: UEB	Ch. 19
	Ecker & Hulley, 2013	Graciela
	Ecker & Hulley, 2008b	---
Racist oppression	Ecker, 2024: UEB	Ch. 19
Self-harming impulses, suicidality	Vaz & Ecker, 2020	See citation
Sexual aversion	Neimeyer & Bridges, 2003	290–292
	UEB	Ch. 5, Carol
	Ecker, Ticic & Hulley, 2013a	See citation
	Ecker 2015	26–27
Shame	UEB	Ch. 5, Regina
	UEB	Ch. 15, John
	UEB	Ch. 18, Emma
Stage fright	UEB	Ch. 4, Brenda
Trauma, PTSD	UEB	Ch. 4, Brenda
	Ecker, 2018	See citation (Section 7.2)
	Ecker & Hulley, 2017	---
	UEB	Ch. 4, Ted
	UEB	Ch. 5, Regina
	Ecker, 2018	See citation (Section 7.1)
	Ecker & Hulley, 1996	240–256
	UEB	Ch. 4, Ted
Underachieving/marginality	Ecker 2008	See citation
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