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BYPASSING SHAME AND CONVERSION DISORDER

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In this presentation we report a case of conversion disorder (partial aphonia) that was successfully treated with speech therapy. During the one year duration of this illness, the patient regained transiently (minutes) her normal speech on a few occasions independently of concomitant pharmacological interventions. Several hypotheses of the mechanisms of conversion disorder are reviewed as specifically applied to this case. The possible role of a pertinent shame mechanism to the conversion pathology is discussed.