

## Abstract for International Marcé Society Conference

Winnicott was talking about the emotional development of the child when he famously said that the precursor of the mirror is the mother's face. We wish to discuss in detail a case study in which a first-time mother with an undiagnosed autism spectrum disorder (ASD) was unable to read the moment-to-moment interactions with her baby, resulting in attachment issues on both sides and an anxious obsessiveness on the mother's part which was initially diagnosed as post-natal depression.

We will also conduct a brief overview of ASD in women, how and why it is underdiagnosed, and why this is of particular importance in the perinatal period.