

CASE:

Ronald Jenkins

PATIENT

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Name:

Ronald Jenkins

Age:

47 years old

Occupation:

Accountant

Family situation:

Married, four children

Past history:

Nil Relevant  
Non Smoker

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#### **Brief statement of the situation:**

Mr Jenkins is aged 47 - an accountant who is also an active member at his local church. In this capacity he has taken a hard line on homosexuality, which he believes is a sinful perversion.

He presents today very agitated saying that he needs to talk about a very serious and confidential matter to do with his 18 year old son Matthew, a university student.

He has a good relationship with his son. He has been aware that Matthew shows no interest in the opposite sex. He has several close very pleasant university friends. Last evening he inadvertently came across Matthew and a male friend embracing and kissing. He was too upset to confront the couple and has avoided Matthew since. He has not yet talked with his wife. He requested an appointment with a doctor not known to him.

#### **How to play the role:**

1. Strong ambivalent feelings
2. Not knowing what to do. Wanting the doctor to have a solution. "What would you do?"
3. Deeply held beliefs on sexuality.
4. Self blame. "Was it something I did or didn't do?"