

HYPNOSIS PITCHING DOCUMENT

Working Title

Hypnosis

Genre(s)

Psychological drama

Length / Format

Netflix miniseries, 6-part series.
60 minutes episodes.

Target Audience

18+ audiences male and female.
Taste community: psychological dramas / mysteries / thrillers.

Log Line

A psychiatrist brainwashes his clients to steal from them.

Tag Line

How do you know who is really in control?
Who can you trust when you can't even trust yourself?

Moral / Message

When you put your hands in others to trust, can you really trust them? Are they corrupt? Do the corrupt hold the most power? Is power corrupt?

Series Synopsis

Dr Donald Evans, a wealthy psychiatrist, provides stellar results with his patients, providing them with the best care in his field of mental health. His therapy of hypnosis has been like no other psychiatrist. However, Donald Evans has many dark and dangerous secrets about his methods, and this is why he keeps his hypnosis tricks private. Ironically, all the glowing reviews he has received are under the pre-tense of the hypnosis he puts his clients under. As the series unravels, Detective Gerald Washington, is the only client to have ever suspected Donald Evans of wrongdoing, or this is what Donald Evans wants him to think?

The story will show the corruption of those in control of power and how they can often get away with things others cannot.

Detective Gerald Washington will uncover the many lies and secrets that Donald Gerald's past and family holds to get to the truth about his hypnosis.

Episode One Overview

Barry Longmore, a wealthy patient, pours out his soul to Dr Donald Evans, a celebrity psychiatrist.

Dr Donald Evans then puts Barry Longmore under hypnosis. He's now happy. Later, Barry Longmore goes to his computer and transfers over \$500,000 in cash to the bank account of Dr Donald Evans with the explanation of the transfer as 'Goodwill Services'

Across the city, Detective Gerald Washington investigates corruption and drug-smuggling into the city. As he arrests a man who states he's innocent, the detective reflects back

The Detective reflects on his time he received therapy.

The episode will end with Dr Donald Evans request to meet Gerald Washington.

Visual Realisation / Important Images

City. Apartment blocks. Psychiatrist rooms. Police station. There will be varying colour schemes throughout the series presenting the chaos and confusion of the characters. There will be some flashback sequences with all the characters showing how their lives are interlinked.

Statement of Intent

When someone has power e.g. a psychiatrist, how much power can they assert over their patients and get away with it? The mind is flexible; it can be altered and changed to view aspects of life in a different way. The narrative explores what happens when a psychiatrist does this to his patients but in a malice way.

Audience Appeal

If audiences love to watch thrillers such as *The Borne* Film series (2002-present), *Hot Fuzz* (2004), *Shutter Island* (2010) and *Get Out* (2017) then *Hypnosis* is a series for them. With high stakes, and lots of twists as to whether Donald's Evans

intentions are as bad as they first seem, then audiences will relish in this TV series.

Character Bios

DR DONALD EVANS (62) - A wealthy, renowned physiatrist living in L.A. uses his masterful skills of manipulation to profit and steal from his ill patients without them knowing.

DETECTIVE GERALD WASHINGTON (32) - A former child-patient of Donald Evans and believes that his former physiatrist brainwashed him.

MAYOR WHEY FISHER (62) - A close friend and ally of Donald Evans, both profiting from Donald's corrupt ways.

BARRY LONGMORE (73) - A wealthy patient of Donald Evans.