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Redeployment and Burnout among Healthcare Workers During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Objectives

• Evaluate the role of redeployment on burnout of healthcare workers during the covid-19 pandemic

• Understand the extent of burnout in relationship to redeployment and time to recovery

• Evaluate additional factors which can be addressed to help mitigate burnout in the setting of redeployment
Background

COVID-19 Pandemic → Depleted Resources → Clinician Burnout → ERROR

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Methods

• Online 10-item survey administered via Qualtrics to all healthcare workers (HCW) at an urban academic-affiliated community hospital within six weeks of first COVID-19 admission and every five days thereafter for an entire year
  • This presentation covers period from 4/14/20-6/16/20

• **Burnout:** Primary outcome was burnout, assessed with a single validated item\(^1\).

• **Redeployment:** Those working out of their usual role at the assessment time, were regarded as redeployed for that period.

• The survey also assessed sociodemographic information, self-efficacy, perceived support from the hospital, meaningful work, and professional development.

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Methods

Longitudinal ecological momentary assessment (EMA) strategy where participants were surveyed about their well-being as the pandemic response progressed.

Recall bias is minimized and timely integration of the data into planning efforts can be facilitated.
## Methods

**Eligible participants** included all 2023 hospital-based clinical staff:

- Physicians (attending physicians, residents, fellows)
- Nurses, Nurse practitioners
- Physician assistants

A total of 5070 surveys were completed over the course of the year:

- 19.7% of clinical staff participated
Survey

- Survey administered confidentially
  - Median time to completion; 54 seconds
- 7 items for demographic and professional information obtained only on initial assessment
- 10 questions addressing clinical responsibilities, personal and professional resources and burnout administered at *every assessment point*
- Open-ended option to provide feedback confidentially

### Survey Questions

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Q17: Overall, based on your definition of burnout, how would you rate your level of burnout?

- I enjoy my work. I have no symptoms of burnout.
- Occasionally I am under stress, and I don’t always have as much energy as I once did, but I don’t feel burned out.
- I am definitely burning out and have one or more symptoms of burnout, such as physical and emotional exhaustion.
- The symptoms of burnout that I’m experiencing won’t go away. I think about frustration at work a lot.
- I feel completely burned out and often wonder if I can go on. I am at the point where I may need some changes or may need to seek some sort of help.

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Results

- All professional roles were represented.
- Initial survey:
  - 54.7% participants did not report symptoms of burnout (i.e., score of 1 and 2).
  - 32.4% participants reported moderate burnout (score 3).
  - 12.9% participants reported high levels of burnout (score 4 and 5).
- Among these initial respondents who completed more than 1 subsequent survey (n=322), burnout was reported on average of 64% of their remaining assessments.
Results

• At the time of initial survey:
  • 146 (40.9%) were redeployed
  • 193 (54.1%) were redeployed at least once as survey progressed

• Those who were redeployed initially had significantly higher levels of burnout (Mean burnout score 2.49; SD = .92)
  • Remained statistically significant even after controlling for gender and professional role (p<.001)
Results

- Over time, those who were ever redeployed, had higher level of burnout and lower self-efficacy scores, compared to those who were never redeployed.
- Effect of redeployment on burnout persisted even after returning to their usual role.
- Redeployment was negatively associated with self-efficacy and hospital support.
  - In particular, those who were redeployed at any point reported they did not have enough energy and felt less capable of caring for their own health than those who were not redeployed.
# Results

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<td>The hospital is providing enough support and information to help me do my job.</td>
<td>I am learning and growing as a professional.</td>
<td>The work I am doing is meaningful and will help us all address this crisis.</td>
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<td>I feel focused and capable.</td>
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<td>I can remain calm, despite the situation.</td>
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<td>I have the energy to deal with the demands of work.</td>
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## Redeployment

- **Resources**
  - Self Efficacy
  - Professional Development
  - Hospital Support
  - Meaning of Work

## Burnout
Lower levels of self-efficacy and less perceived support from the hospital were associated with higher levels of burnout.

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<td>On the survey, participants were given the opportunity to write in their own thoughts and ideas.</td>
<td>- Redeployment is essential to meet clinical demands, but, on average, redeployment may take a toll on health care workers.</td>
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<td>Many identified the need for more training and direction when assigned to critical care units or other areas outside their usual role.</td>
<td>- Hospital leaders may need to explicitly recognize the emotional and physical demands associated with redeployment, and</td>
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<td>Some expressed concerns about the quality of care they were delivering when they were working outside their usual role.</td>
<td>- Provide support to help clinical staff take care of their own health.</td>
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<td>When redeployed, participants wrote that it was stressful to manage the new unit routines, procedures, shifts, and personnel.</td>
<td>- Optimize the ability to share knowledge quickly and efficiently to enhance self-efficacy as clinicians are redeployed to new areas.</td>
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<td>- Develop just-in-time orientation and training procedures for redeployed staff.</td>
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Conclusions

• Redeployment is essential to meet clinical demands during a pandemic, however hospitals and supervisors need to recognize the emotional and physical demands associated with redeployment.

• The findings on self-efficacy suggest that interventions focused on providing information and supporting people’s efforts at self-care might be valuable.

• Improving speed and efficiency of knowledge sharing may enhance self-efficacy. Developing new orientation and training procedures for redeployed staff may also be useful.
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Reinventing the After-Hours Call Experience for Physicians: Deployment of an Enterprise-Wide After-Hours Nurse Triage Health Call Center to Improve Patient and Provider Satisfaction and Well-being

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Questions Posed

- Who are we?
- What opportunities was Stanford Health Care and Clinical Advice Services trying to solve regarding physician after-hours calls and clinical triage?
- What were the process considerations in creating Clinical Advice Services?
- What are the key findings: metrics, utilization, and outcomes?
- What are the key reflections?
Stanford Health Care is a not-for-profit academic healthcare system with leading edge clinical capabilities led by world-renowned Stanford University physicians.

- Founded in 1959, Stanford Hospital & Clinics – now known as Stanford Health Care – is known for **advanced patient care**, particularly for the treatment of rare, complex disorders in areas such as:
  - Cardiovascular Health
  - Cancer Treatment
  - Neurosciences
  - Organ Transplantation
  - Orthopaedic Surgery

- **Quaternary Care, Teaching Hospital, and Academic Partner** for Stanford University School of Medicine

- **Shared Services** with Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford:
  - Catheterization Laboratory
  - Clinical Laboratory
  - Emergency Management
  - Environment of Care & Life Safety
  - Radiation Oncology Department
Clinical Advice Services Core Services

- Enterprise-wide clinical management solutions health call center that provides:
  - Clinical Nurse Triage (Daytime & After-hours)
  - ED and Inpatient Post-Discharge Phone Calls
  - COVID-19 Response for Patients & Employees:
    - Clinical Triage
    - PCR Test Results Reporting
    - Vaccine and Appointment Scheduling
  - Suicidal Ideation and Distressed Callers Clinical Response Management
  - SHC Specialty Pharmacy
  - Medication Reconciliation and Management
  - Online Second Opinion Program – SHC and SCH

- Quality patient care and experience across continuum of care
  - Decreases resource overutilization (ED) & prevents care gaps/delays
  - Solution for health plan cost containment
  - Enterprise-wide ambulatory clinical data, resource utilization, quality metrics, and outcomes
  - Meets requests for enterprise-wide initiatives effectively, as evidenced by:
    - COVID-19 Response
    - Deployment of services across the SHC enterprise

- On November 1, 2019, Clinical Advice Services became a Utilization Review Accreditation Commission Health Call Center which:
  - Demonstrates a commitment to quality services
  - Provides accountable and value-based care
  - Serves as a framework to improve business processes
  - Metrics: RN Call Back Time, Average Speed to Answer, and Abandonment Rate
Clinical Advice Services Team

Organizational Leadership

Clinical Advice Services Triage Team

People:
- **Registered Nurses (RN)**: Licensed to provide clinical triage based on approved or vetted protocols related to specific conditions or treatment pathways
- **Patient Administrative Specialists**: Non-licensed, non-clinical personnel receiving initial intake, establish consent, and first contact resolution for non-clinical concerns

Team Scope:
- Telephonic Clinical Nurse Triage
- Medication Management & Education Program
- COVID-19 Clinical Telephonic Response Team
- Suicidal Ideation and Distressed Caller Response Team

Patient Administrative Specialists - Work From Home Team

People:
- 5 Patient Administrative Specialists
- Staggered shifts 7 days a week (0600-1700)

Team Scope:
- Post Discharge Phone Calls
  - Emergency Department (Peds & Adults)
  - 500P & 300P Inpatient Discharges (all units)
  - PeriAnesthesia Units
- Adherence Calls
- Online Second Opinion Program (OSOP) – Stanford Health Care & Stanford Children’s Hospital
- Email and CRM management
- All clinical concerns escalated to Nurse Triage Queue

Clinical Advice Services Leadership Team

- Administrative Director
- Patient Care Manager
- Manager
- 3 Assistant Patient Care Managers
- 3 Nurse Educators
- Quality Specialist
- Project Manager
- Supervisor
Clinical Advice Services: Using Lean Chassis to Optimize Nurse-driven Telephonic Triage of After-hour calls from patients

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PROBLEM STATEMENT
No standardized connectivity between patients and providers after-hours.

BACKGROUND AND IMPORTANCE
- It is challenging for patients to navigate through healthcare systems after-hours.
- This leads to delay in care, patient/provider dissatisfaction, inappropriate resource utilization, readmissions, and higher costs.
- It is important to provide our patients and providers with effective clinical decision-making tools to allow seamless connectivity and coordinated care at all times.

GOALS
- **Process Measures:** Achieve clinical protocol adherence by Clinical Advice Services staff of >90%
- **Outcome Measures:**
  - Achieve physician (MD) call escalation rate of <10%
  - Achieve emergency department (ED) triage rate of <10%

PROBLEM ANALYSIS

**PROCESS**
- Nonclinical calls after-hours also dependent on MD coverage
- MD call schedules inaccurate

**MATERIAL**
- Poor patient connectivity and patient / provider experience
- No designated RN to triage clinical issues

**PEOPLE**
- MD response to pages very variable
- No goals set for call back or call wait times
- No goals set for patient outcomes

**MEASURE**
- Page operator and clinical personnel not co-located

FUTURE STATE AND IMPLEMENTATION
- In August 2015, patient-centric Clinical Advice Services (CAS) was established to provide clinical decision support after-hours.
- CAS is founded on key Lean principles: Value stream mapping, empathy mapping, waste walk, takt time calculations, standard work, plan-do-check-act cycles, and active daily management.

**KEY LEARNING**
- A seamless connectivity vision, cascading, multidisciplinary ownership of the problem, and synergistic enterprise improvements have contributed to this success while we strive for continuous improvement.

FOLLOW UP AND SUSTAIN RESULTS
- Since August 2015, CAS has managed >700,000 calls from over 100 clinical specialties.
- Reporting is built into our electronic health records.

- 92% of patients had all of their needs met.
- Average 10% of primary care calls were escalated by CAS staff to the physician on call.
- Average <5% of the patients were triaged to ED by CAS.
Opportunities to Improve Physician Wellness

- A seamless, premier, customer-centric portal is critical for providing exceptional clinical care, service and access, especially during transitions of care.

- State of afterhours calls prior to Clinical Advice Services:
  - Clinical call management process and documentation variation
  - Clinical interruptions during patient care, hospital rounding, and surgical cases
  - Lack of coordinated care with appointment scheduling and follow-up appointments
  - Physician dissatisfaction, burnout, and lack of work-life balance
  - Patient frustration with after-hours experience and delays in care

- Clinical Advice Services Design & Operations influenced and supported by Lean principles:
  - Value Steam Mapping
  - Waste Walk
  - Takt time Calculations
  - Standard Work
  - Plan-Do-Check-Act Cycles
  - Active Daily Management
  - Quality Assurance
Findings:

- Approximately 40% of call volume is addressed by a Clinical Assistant
- Primary Care as top utilizer supports the purchase of Thompson Nurse Clinical Pathways since they are geared for this population
- Opportunities exist for more upstream management of medication questions/refills/perioperative education
- An average of < 5% ED reinforces appropriate use of clinical pathways

Actions:

- Facilitate protocol optimization with Heme/Onc leaders for Cancer Fever and Cancer Pain clinical pathways
- Work with deployed services to optimize medication management and education during daytime hours
- Work with Surgical Sub-specialties on education and training of CAS RNs to ensure competence in pre and post op instructions
- Provide feedback to surgical services to reinforce discharge instructions
Post Discharge Phone Calls – Inpatient and ED Metrics

Metric Overview
Reporting Period (1/1/2017 – 7/31/2021)

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**Actions:**
- Scaled to All SHC Inpatient Units
- CAS closes the loop for all patient questions and unresolved items
- Winter 2020: CAS piloted ED Physician Tele-Triage Project
- Capture caregiver information for a grant initiative for Dr. Nirav Shah
- Currently WFH staff of non-clinicians perform all Post Discharge phone calls and escalate to RNs for any clinical issues or routing
- March 2021: CAS began conducting Medication Reconciliation
- June 2021: Post discharge calls scaled to Perianesthesia units
## SARS-CoV-2 Summary YTD

### Triage Calls
- **19,598** Calls Offered
- **8,037** Epic Encounters
- **898** Positive Screens

### Non-ED Test Results
- **68,701** Total Results
- **4,061** Positive Results

### Occ Health
- **1,093** Calls Offered
- **1,547** Epic Encounters

### Non-ED Test Results
- Go-Live 10/1/2020
- Total Test Results: 138,920
- Total Positive Results: 8,068
**RN Call Back Time**
(responding to clinical communications within an average of 30” once patient is in the nurse triage queue)

**Target:** 30 min.

**Actual:**
- 29 min. (all calls)
- 26 min. (excluding med refills and COVID-19)

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**Abandonment Rate**
(% of calls offered that disconnect after 30 seconds when a live person would have answered the call)

**Target:** 5%

**Actual:**
- 7%

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**Speed of Answer**
(delay in seconds that inbound calls encounter waiting in the phone queue)

**Target:** <30 sec.

**Actual:**
- 27 sec.
2019 Primary Care Physician Faculty Survey

**Since the implementation of CAS, have you received less calls/pages during sleeping hours? (N = 29)**

**Do you feel the number of pages/calls you receive on call has decreased since the implementation of the Clinical Advice Services (CAS)? (N = 29)**

**What was your level of satisfaction with taking calls after-hours from the ProCOMM Operator or Page Operator prior to the implementation of CAS?**

**What is your level of satisfaction with taking calls after hours from the Clinical Advice Services?**
Reflections

- Establishing an enterprise-wide health call center is attainable, scalable, and decreases physician after-hours workload
- A centralized health call center allows for collaboration to resolve clinical concerns and establish an immediate response solution to public health matters, such as a pandemic
- A robust partnership with Service-specific Subject Matter Experts: Providers, Operational Leaders, and Administrative Staff is essential
- A noteworthy 350+ library of custom and modified Nurse Triage protocols and clinical algorithms provides safe, quality, and efficient care
- >95% patient satisfaction experience
- Increased Physician wellness due to partnership with Clinical Advice Services:
  - Decreased clinical interruptions while caring for sick patients
  - SBAR by triage RN before MD is called –more meaningful MD-RN interaction
  - Standardized documentation of call encounters
  - Consistent process for Medication refills
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Question and Answer
Caring for Caregivers During COVID-19 and Beyond

Results: AMA Coping with COVID-19 for Caregivers Survey

October 2021
Survey Distribution
(April 4, 2020 – April 2, 2021)

- 64,000+ respondents nationwide
- 85+ health care organizations and practices
- 29 states
- Clinical & nonclinical staff

Survey is available at no-cost
Demographics
Demographics
Gender and Race/Ethnicity

Gender
- Female (N=43576) - 68.00%
- Male (N=15540) - 24.00%
- Prefer Not to Answer (N=5181) - 8.00%
- Non-Binary/Third Gender (N=173) - 0.3%

Race/Ethnicity
- White/Caucasian (N=38258) - 59.00%
- Prefer not to answer (N=7552) - 12.00%
- Asian/Pacific Islander (N=5139) - 8.00%
- Hispanic/Latino (N=3524) - 6.00%
- Black/African American (N=3670) - 5.00%
- Native American or American Indian (N=127) - 2.00%
- Other (N=1005) - 8.00%
- No response (5201) - 0.20%
Demographics
Role Type and Practice Setting

**Role Type**
- Nurse (N=13184) 20.40%
- Physician (N=17567) 33.30%
- Non-Clinical Support Staff (N=10503) 16.30%
- Clinical Support Staff (N=4182) 7.90%
- Advanced Practice Provider (N=5119) 6.50%
- Other Clinician (N=2520) 4.20%
- Resident/Fellow (N=2684) 4.20%
- Other (N=8669) 13.40%

**Practice Setting**
- Hospital-Based: Non-ER, Non-ICU (N=21595) 33.50%
- Ambulatory-Based: Non-Covid Care (N=21467) 18.40%
- Hospital Based: ER or ICU (N=11884) 25.30%
- Ambulatory-Based: Covid Care (N=6542) 10.10%
- Other (N=8669) 33.00%
National Survey Results
## Fear of Exposure to COVID-19

I worry about exposing myself and my family to COVID-19

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N Values:
- Overall: 58408
- Physician: 15142
- Nurse: 11040
- APP/Therapist: 4261
- Non-Clinical Staff: 9585
- Clinical Support Staff: 3860
- Resident or Fellow: 1228
- Other: 8054
- Other Clinician: 3399

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# Self-Reported Anxiety and Depression

Due to the impact of COVID-19, I am experiencing anxiety and depression.

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N Values: Overall: 64463 | Physician: 17567 | Nurse: 13180 | APP: 5118 | Non-clinical staff: 10500 | Clinical Staff: 4182 | Resident or Fellow: 2684 | Other: 8667 | Other Clinician: 2520

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Self-Reported Anxiety/Depression

• Overall, 36% of all respondents indicated higher levels of self-report anxiety/depression

• Self-reported anxiety/depression was highest in:
  ▪ Nurses (45%)
  ▪ Hospital-Based Employees in the ER or ICU (39%)
  ▪ Critical care medicine (50%)
I feel completely burned out. I am at the point where I may need to seek help

The symptoms of burnout that I am experiencing won't go away. I think about work frustrations a lot.

I am beginning to burnout and have one or more symptoms of burnout.

I am under stress but don't feel burnt out.

I enjoy my work. I have no symptoms of burnout.
Self-Reported Burnout

• Overall, **50% of all respondents** indicated burnout

• Burnout was highest in:
  - Nurses (57%)
  - Hospital-Based Employees in the ER or ICU (55%)
  - Critical care medicine (65%)
### Feeling Valued

I feel valued by my organization.

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Overall: 58309 | Physician: 15138 | Nurse: 11036 | APP/Therapist: 4256 | Non-clinical staff: 9579 | Clinical Support Staff: 3858 | Other: 8049 | Other Clinician: 3397 | Resident or Fellow: 1228

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Work Intentions

• 27% of respondents note a moderate, likely, or definite chance of reducing clinical hours in the next 12 months
  • Highest in nurses (33%)
  • Physicians (31%)

• 28% of respondents note a moderate, likely, or definite chance that they will leave their current practice in the next two years
  • Highest in nurses (38%)
  • Physicians (25%)
Q1 2021 Key Findings

Anxiety and depression
• highest levels of self-reported anxiety and depression since May 2020, with 40% of respondents reporting “moderately” or “to a great extent”

Burnout symptoms
• peaked at 26% which exceeded previous peak of 21% in November 2020

Work overload
• peaked with 53% of respondents indicating they felt work overload “moderately” or “to a great extent” due to the impact of COVID

Feeling valued by organization
• showed highest reported levels of feeling valued by one’s organization since May 2020, with 51% of respondents indicated they felt valued “moderately” or “to a great extent”
Post Traumatic Stress

Post Traumatic Growth

Reversion, Transition, or Transformation?
Tactical Actions

**Workflow Support** (inbox, documentation, order entry)
- 2/3 of ambulatory respondents
- Highest in GIM and FM

**Healthy Food Easily Available**
- Highest in ER and ICU

**Personal Access to Mental Health Care**
- 66% of all respondents
Organizational Actions

- Transparent, Timely Communication
- Consistent, Empathetic Leadership
- Attention to Basic Human Needs
- Formal and Informal Peer Support
- Ongoing Measurement and Response
- Effective Operational Re-sets
Final Comment

Corey Feist
CEO; University of Virginia Physicians Group
Founder; Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes Foundation & All In Campaign

“Let’s face it, healthcare is one of the most emotionally and physically demanding fields out there. The old approach of telling clinicians to maintain a stiff upper lip and download meditation apps for stress relief is not the antidote.

We don’t need stronger canaries. We need to redesign the coal mine.”
Thank you.

Access additional resources at clinician.health
COVID-19
Traumatic Stress &
Post-traumatic Growth

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• Dr Southwick royalties for the book Resilience: The Science of Mastering Life’s Greatest Challenges.
BACKGROUND:

After acute traumatic stress events...

**PTSD** may be experienced by those impacted
Ex. 15-30% after the trauma of combat

**PTG** (post-traumatic growth) may be experienced by
30-70% of people impacted as a result of the struggle with the event.
(Domains of PTG later defined.)

**The Covid-19 pandemic**
May have been experienced as a traumatic stress event (later defined).
AIMS:

1. Were medical professionals who were exposed to pandemic-related traumatic event(s) fairly to very often more likely to experience PTG? depression? anxiety?

2. If so, which domains of PTG were they more likely to experience as a result of the traumatic event(s)?

3. Were those medical professionals who experienced PTG less likely to experience depression or anxiety?
Methods:

**Annual Medical Staff Wellness Assessment**: >7K, 5 Delivery Networks, 3 Practice Model, 3 Levels Covid-19 Pandemic, September-October 2020

**Criterion A: traumatic stress event** was assessed using a single-item adapted from DSM-V (yet to be validated). Responses were dichotomized into “never-sometimes” and “fairly-very often”.

During the COVID-19 crisis, how much exposure to death or threat of death did you perceive for yourself or your loved ones, or through witnessing it in others, or through repeatedly hearing the extreme adverse details?

1) Never  2) Almost never  3) Sometimes  4) Fairly often  5) Very often

**PROMIS 4-item depression scale** and **4-item anxiety scale**, 5pt Likert
Depression defined as score >=8 of 20pt, per convention
Anxiety defined as score >=8 of 20pt, per convention
Post-traumatic growth was assessed with a 6-item version of the Post-traumatic Growth Inventory (Tedeschi & Calhoun, 1996) abbreviated and validated by Pietrzak et. al (2010). The six domains assessed include

**Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic…**

I changed my priorities about what is important in life
I can better appreciate each day
I know better that I can handle difficulties
I have a greater feeling of self-reliance
I am better able to accept the way things work out
I have a stronger religious faith

0  I did not experience this change as a result of COVID-19
1  A very small degree
2  A small degree
3  A moderate degree
4  A great degree
5  I experienced this change to a very great degree as a result of COVID-19
Results:

5 hospital-based delivery networks, 3 practice models (academic, employed, private practice), 3 degrees (attending, APP, GME)

Of 7404 invitees, 2469 responded – a 33.3% response rate.
- 1783 responded to the traumatic stress exposure question
- 1713 responded to the post-traumatic growth scale
- 1747 responded to the 4-item depression scale
- 1728 responded to the 4-item anxiety scale

Compared to the invitees, the sample was demographically similar in degree and specialty. There was an over-representation of the main academic hospital in the sample compared to the invited population, 62.6% vs. 53.9% respectively.

Based on descriptive statistics, the subset that responded to the above questions and scales were demographically similar to the overall sample.

(Descriptive statistics available upon request.)
### POST-TRAUMATIC GROWTH IN MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS OFTEN EXPOSED TO DEATH OR THREAT OF DEATH DURING COVID-19 COMPARED TO THOSE WITH LESS EXPOSURE.

During the COVID-19 crisis, how much exposure to death or threat of death did you perceive for yourself or your loved ones, or through witnessing it in others, or through repeatedly hearing the extreme adverse details?

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<th>Domain of Post-traumatic growth</th>
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<td>Handle difficulties</td>
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<td>286 31.0% 924</td>
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Comparison between proportions never-sometimes and fairly-very often

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Standard descriptive statistics are shown to describe the frequencies and proportions for each item’s responses. The proportion of PTG in each domain was statistically significant in relation to exposure to this potential COVID-19 acute traumatic stress and between groups registering a great degree of PTG within a domain across those who were and weren’t often exposed to this potential acute traumatic stress. (p<0.05). If medical staff were fairly or very often exposed to the COVID-19 acute traumatic stress they were more likely to experience some PTG than those who were less exposed, after adjusting for age, race, gender, specialty, delivery network, OR 1.66 (1.31-2.10).
## Depression and Anxiety in Medical Professionals Often Exposed to Death or Threat of Death During COVID-19 (Compared to Those with Less Perceived Exposure)

During the COVID-19 crisis, how much exposure to death or threat of death did you perceive for yourself or your loved ones, or through witnessing it in others, or through repeatedly hearing the extreme adverse details?

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## Depression and Anxiety in Medical Professionals with >=1 Post-Traumatic Growth Domain (Compared to Those with No Post-Traumatic Growth)

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### POST-TRAUMATIC GROWTH IN MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS OFTEN EXPOSED TO DEATH OF THREAT OF DEATH DURING COVID-19 COMPARED TO THOSE WITH LESS PERCEIVED EXPOSURE

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2x2 contingency tables. Unadjusted Odds Ratios.
Conclusions:

In this sample of medical professionals, in the period immediately after experiencing the first wave of the Covid-19 pandemic,....

1. Those who were exposed to pandemic-related traumatic stress event(s) fairly-very often were more likely to experience PTG (31.0% v. 45.5% p<0.05, OR 1.86 CI 1.52-2.2), Depression (25.7 v. 35.2 p<0.05, OR 1.57 CI 1.27-1.93), and Anxiety (25.7 v. 38.6 p<0.05, OR 1.81 1.47-2.34).

2. The top 3 domains of PTG that medical professionals were most likely to experience, if exposed to pandemic-related traumatic stress event(s), were changing priorities of what is important in life, better able to appreciate each day, and knowing one can handle difficulties.

3. In this sample, those that experienced >=1 PTG domain were not less likely to experience depression or anxiety.
Implications:

In the immediate aftermath of the first wave of the covid-19 pandemic, those who were exposed to pandemic-related traumatic stress event(s) fairly-very often were not only more likely to experience depression and anxiety, but also post-traumatic growth (PTG). PTG often occurs in the presence of PTSD and other trauma-related psychopathology. Evidence suggests that the traumatic event must cause enough distress that the trauma survivor begins to question fundamental beliefs, and through struggle to reassess and revise his or her world view. There is also evidence in military veterans that those who develop PTG as a result of one event may be more resilient to subsequent traumas, perhaps due to the development of coping skills.

In these times, the healthcare community heals sharing memories, grief, hopes, dreams.

Share your story here--> Shines your light at Yale New Haven Hospital
### Appendix:

**Depression and Anxiety Amongst Medical Professionals Who Experienced an Acute Traumatic Stress Event**

With and Without >=1 Post-Traumatic Growth Domain
(Compared to Those With No Post-Traumatic Growth)

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Comparison between no vs. yes >=1 PTG domain
2-sample z-test p<0.05

- Depression: Z = -0.119, P-value = 0.904
- Anxiety: Z = -0.105, P-value = 0.912
Decreasing Burnout and Isolation During Anesthesia Fellowship Training Through a Year-long Integrated Coaching Program

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Disclosures

Founder of Pause & Presence where I offer Mindful Coaching to individual physicians, groups of physicians, and in institutions (including in this program)
Objectives

- Discuss strategies to advocate for and implement an effective coaching program within a large academic fellowship program.

- Discuss strategies to both optimize engagement in and increase the impact of coaching in a fellowship program.

- Share the short-term impacts of 1:1 coaching on fellows.
Professional group coaching is an evidence-based intervention known to lessen burnout and emotional exhaustion, and improve resilience and quality of life for physicians. (JAMA, 2019)
Why is fellowship the perfect time in physician development to introduce coaching?

Learn to approach career in medicine differently from the outset.

Prevent burnout & exhaustion

Improve learning and quality of care by supporting key players in hospital setting and on academic teams.
Key components of this program

Year long integrated component of fellowship training

GOALS

- to help “ease the transition to becoming thriving attending physicians”
- “respond to additional stress on fellows during the pandemic and social injustice experienced during 2020.”
Key components of this program

METHODS

- Pilot program - group coaching was offered May–July 2020 in response to urgent COVID stress.
- Based on feedback and ongoing stresses, the program was extended for 2020–2021.
- Now extended for 2021–2022 with minor adaptations.
- The year-long program includes 6 individual coaching opportunities each month and one drop-in group coaching session.
- Participation is voluntary/open to all.
METHODS

- 60 anesthesia fellows
- various subspecialties: CCM, Cardiac, Ob, Peds, Adult and Peds Pain, and Pain Psych.
- Feedback survey sent quarterly to any fellow who has participated in 1:1 coaching.
- Utilization by each subspecialty is tracked.
Results

After the initial 3 month pilot:

“Coaching is one of the best things about their fellowship in terms of feeling that the department cares for their well-being.”

9 months of data:

- 1:1 coaching: 25 of 60 fellows participated voluntarily, many did 3–5 sessions each
- 100% of those who returned the survey (72% response rate) “found coaching helpful.”
- (Update #’s)
  - 100 percent said they would recommend it to their colleagues.
  - 91.7% said that they felt more in control,
  - 83.3% said they were less stressed and felt less isolated and alone.
  - 50% reported feeling less burnt out.
“normalized my experience, made me feel more connected to my peers,”

“even after one session, it helped give me a framework to address some of the challenges I'm facing personally.”

Helped to “mitigate feelings of burnout and helplessness.”

"Nothing to lose, lots to gain."
“100% worth your time”

“It is very validating and wonderful that it is confidential!”

“It is a great opportunity to learn more about yourself.”

“Do it!! It can give you ideas and perspective that you can’t think of on your own.”

“Just try it!”
Verbatim Comments

"It's helpful to have a coach who has experienced your training, and who has insight into the medical culture. It doesn't solve all your problems, but it will help you to see yourself as more capable, and leave behind perspectives that limit your perception of your self-worth and your capacity to improve."

"It's an incredibly helpful resource. Highly recommend it. We are so lucky to have it as an option."
Conclusion

Offering 1:1 and group coaching as an integral part of fellowship training is a helpful intervention to decrease stress, isolation, and burnout, and to increase a sense of control in Anesthesia fellows.
The low commitment, rotating Message-a-Colleague program has a positive impact on participants in a surgical department.

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The burden of burnout among healthcare workers is high and compounded by Covid-19.

Prevalence of Depression and Depressive Symptoms Among Resident Physicians: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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High levels of psychosocial distress among Australian frontline healthcare workers during the COVID-19 pandemic: a descriptive survey

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Factors Associated With Mental Health Outcomes Among Health Care Workers Exposed to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

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Determinants of wellness can have a negative impact on physical health.

Factors related to burnout:

1) work factors (hours, **workload**, **documentation**, malpractice risk)
2) personal (self-critical, **sleep deprivation**, work-life imbalance)
3) organizational factors (poor leadership, **expectations**, limited interpersonal collaboration)

In healthcare workers, poor sleep and reported burnout correlated with an increase risk of Covid-19.

In adult women, **loneliness** correlated with increased incidental heart disease (controlling for comorbidities, age, smoking).

Isolation/loneliness is a major cause for burnout and depression among healthcare workers.

Can we proactively combat burnout with increased workplace connections?

burnout symptoms, depression, and higher fatigue

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Loneliness, Burnout, and Other Types of Emotional

Program description:
An **OPT-IN** messaging program that provides **random and rotating weekly assignments** to send **one** message (text or email) to a colleague (with a similar departmental role) and receive one message.
Program goals:

1. Create a sense of connection between peers or colleagues
   - ✔

2. Decrease feelings of loneliness or isolation
   - ✔

3. Foster community through brief interactions
   - ✔

4. NO responsibility of identifying or providing mental health
   - ❌

5. NO commitment to long-term support of any one individual
   - ❌
Visual depiction of participant’s experience

Assignee
Week 1

Each participant

Assignment
Week 1

Yale School of Medicine

Department of Surgery
Visual depiction of participant’s experience

Assignee

Week 2

Each participant

Assignment

Week 2
Visual depiction of participant’s experience

Assignee

Week 3

Each participant

Assignment

Week 3
Visual depiction of participant’s experience

Week 4

Assignee

Each participant

Assignment

Department of Surgery
Visual depiction of participant’s experience

Assignee

Week 1
Week 2
Week 3
Week 4

Assignment

Week 1
Week 2
Week 3
Week 4

Each participant
Program applicability:

Intended for all members of a department:
- Residents/fellows
- Faculty
- APPs (NP/PA)
- Research staff
- Office/administrative staff
- Nursing/patient-facing
- Fully remote staff
- Support staff
Program implementation:

- Yale-New Haven Hospital
- Department of Surgery
- Two rounds
  - April 2020 (9 weeks)
  - December 2020 (4 weeks)
- Participants:
  - Faculty
  - Advanced practice providers (PA/NP)
  - Resident/fellows
  - Office/administrative staff

![Bar chart showing participants by departmental role]

- Resident/fellow: 44
- Faculty: 41
- Office/Admin: 35
- APP: 30
Survey implementation:

- Round 1: April 2020
  - Positive anecdotal feedback

- Round 2: December 2020
  - IRB-approved exit survey
    - Online
    - Anonymous
    - One week after program end date
  - 50 participants
  - 56% survey completion (28/50)
Determining program success:

1) Are the program requirements burdensome to participants?

2) Does the program have a positive impact on participants?

3) Does the program increase the sense of connection?
Determining program success:

1) Are the program requirements **burdensome** to participants?

2) Does the program have a positive impact on participants?

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3) Does the program increase the sense of connection?
The program was well-received across multiple aspects

- Variety of colleagues: 9.0
- Time commitment: 10.0
- Program length: 10.0
- Quantity of message: 10.0
- Quality of message: 10.0
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Participants reported that the time commitment was small or insignificant.
Regardless of departmental role, majority consider burden to be small/insignificant.

- **Faculty (n=9)**: 73% Burdensome, 27% Insignificant time commitment
- **APPs (n=7)**: 62% Burdensome, 38% Insignificant time commitment
- **Resident/fellows (n=5)**: 54% Burdensome, 23% Insignificant time commitment
- **Office/Admin (n=7)**: 75% Burdensome, 25% Insignificant time commitment
Determining program success:

1) Are the program requirements burdensome to participants?  
   NO

2) Does the program have a positive impact on participants?

3) Does the program increase the sense of connection?
Participants reported a positive impact on the stress/outlook of their day.

- Receiving a message: 89%
- Crafting a message: 88%
- Additional conversation with colleagues: 100%

[Graph showing impact levels:]
- Significantly negative
- Moderately negative
- Slightly negative
- No impact
- Slightly positive
- Moderately positive
- Significantly positive
Positive impacts persist across patient-facing and work-from-home roles.
Determining program success:

1) Are the program requirements burdensome to participants?  
   NO

2) Does the program have a positive impact on participants?  
   YES

3) Does the program increase the sense of connection?
Participants reported an increase in sense of connection during and after the program.

Prior | During | After
--- | --- | ---
Very connected | Not connected | 4.5

P<0.001
U=141
Determining program success:

1) Are the program requirements burdensome to participants?  
   NO

2) Does the program have a positive impact on participants?  
   YES

3) Does the program increase the sense of connection?  
   YES
Qualitative data support the hypothesis that the program had a positive impact.

What was the most memorable aspect/experience from this program (positive or negative)?

“Having conversations with colleagues who I normally would not have conversations with”

“Just having the feeling that other people want to connect as well”

“The appreciation of the messages I sent and to know it had a positive impact”

“I was assigned to a more senior resident on the first round…and I had never met them before, but we got along incredibly well and got to meet through texts…. Then when they were my chief, it was such a positive experience…”
Next steps:

• Developed an implementation tool kit
• Recently completed cycles in other departments (ie. medicine, graduate medical education)
• Working to expand to other roles (ie. nursing, IT services, etc.)
Summary:

- An **OPT-IN** messaging program of weekly assignments to send and receive **ONE** message with colleagues.

- Demonstrable **positive impact** on stress/outlook and sense of connection **without** contributing to burden.

- Expanding the program to new hospital systems and workplaces.

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An Upstream and Downstream Approach to Threat Management in Medicine
The Kaiser Permanente Orange County Journey

Lance Brunner, MD
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Learning Objectives

Understand what systems should be in place within a medical practice or organization to address verbal, written, or physical threats from patients and families to physicians and staff – including sexual harassment.

Incorporate evidence-based de-escalation tools to minimize escalation of incivility to disruption or threats of violence/actual violence.

Recognize what tools are potentially available within a medical organization to address all levels of threats.
Levels of Threat

Level 0.5
Microaggressions

Level 1
- Letters/Calls
- Angry or Rude Statements
- Vague Responses

Level 1a
Aggression towards KP organization

Level 2
- Verbal Abuse
- Bullying
- “...isms” (gender, race, ethnicity, religion, etc.)

Level 2a
- Sexual Harassment
- Minor Sexual Assault (minor physical contact)
- Code Grey
- Property Damage
- Psychological Safety

Level 3
- Direct Threats
- Weapons Sighted
- Physical Assault
- Letter / Calls (content)

Level 3a
- Sexual Assault
- Stalking

Threat Management Team Members
- Physician Leaders
- Security
- Behavioral Health
- Administration
- Nursing
- Human Resources
- Membership Services
- Employee Assistance

Micro-agression

- Subtle, insulting, discriminatory comments or actions that communicate a demeaning or hostile message to non-dominant group
  - Micro assault is a form of microaggression involving purposeful discriminatory action, such as a verbal attack or avoidant behavior

- Negative implications are severe and lead to long-term psychological distress

- Microaggressions may play a major role in physician burnout

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Helpful Definitions

Implicit Bias

- Refers to attitudes or stereotypes that affect our understanding, actions, and decisions in an unconscious manner.

Explicit Bias

- Refers to attitudes or beliefs we have about a person or group on a conscious level. Much of the time, these biases and their expression arise as the direct result of a perceived threat.

Bullying

- A person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker.

Relational Aggression

- A type of aggression in which harm is caused by damaging someone’s relationships or social status.
Helpful Definitions

Gender Discrimination
- Refers to the act of treating a person unfairly because of their sex

Sexual Harassment
- Involving unwanted sexual advances or obscene remarks

Sexual Assault
- Any type of sexual contact or behavior that occurs without the explicit consent of the recipient
Code of Conduct

Kaiser Permanente is committed to ensuring a safe, secure and respectful environment for everyone - patients, members, visitors, physicians, providers, healthcare teams and employees.

It is our expectation that all individuals will demonstrate civil and respectful behavior while on our premises.

We expressly prohibit:

- Abusive language including threats and slurs
- Sexual Harassment
- Physical assault
- Weapons

To maintain a safe, secure and respectful environment for all, we reserve the right to take appropriate measures to address abusive, disruptive, inappropriate or aggressive behavior.
# Confidential Threat Report

**Your Information**

- **Name:** 
- **Ext.:** 
- **Building:** 
- **Department:** 

**Threat Details**

- **When did this occur?:**
- **Where did this occur?:**
- **Date:**
- **Time:**

**Is this report based on:**
- Direct Interaction
- Reported from other(s)

**Who was involved? Please select all that apply:**
- Aggressor(s)
- Victim(s)
- Witness(s)
- KP Physician

**Additional Threat Details**

**Relationship between person threatened and aggressor:**

**What occurred?:**

**Attachments**

- Are witnesses willing to make a written statement?:
- Please add attachments here:

**Are you a Manager/Supervisor?:**

Submit
Threat Management – Sharepoint Leaders Email
(Sample - Confirmation email)

- Confirmation Email sent to both Submitting Party & TMT Leaders
- Immediate notification of threat
- Proper response & action
- Immediate outreach to law enforcement, Manager/Admin and/or victim
- Timely security involvement

Create Scalable, Digital processes: New process built leveraging new digital tools
Date

Name
Address

Dear Name:

We are writing on behalf of Kaiser Permanente Orange County. The goal of everyone at Kaiser Permanente Orange County is to provide the highest quality of care to each patient in a safe, nurturing environment where all patients, physicians, and support staff can fully focus on your clinical concerns. That goal can only be met when a healthy level of trust sustains the physician-patient relationship. This can be accomplished through civil communications in all interactions.

We have become aware that you have sent numerous emails to your treatment team that have been perceived as angry and confrontational. This type of communication with your physician and treatment team is potentially harmful to your physician-patient relationship and will not be tolerated. Our expectation is that future email communications, when needed, will be cordial and civil. The ability to send your team email communications is a privilege and this capability can be revoked if we see further problematic activity.

Controversial clinical concerns are always best addressed through a phone call or a face to face visit. You can communicate with your physician and team by contacting Kaiser Permanente at 1-888-988-2800 for appointments and phone messages.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter and sincerely hope that you can follow this instruction, so that we can re-focus our attention on our provider-patient relationship and your health care needs.

Sincerely,

Kaiser Permanente Orange County Administration
Assigned TMT Administrator – Case Log Access
Potential Management Levers
Orange County

- In the moment feedback
- Outreach by office/department/security/threat management leadership
- Patient reassignment
- Flag chart – Demographics Section and FYI
- Letters of understanding
- Security at future visits
- Combative patient alert
- Kp.org email suspension
- Behavioral health outreach
- Compliance
- APS/CPS
- Law enforcement
- Regional Legal in conjunction with MSAAT
- Background/Court Record Check
  Gun Registration Check
  Temporary Restraining Orders
  National Special Investigations Unit
  Private Detectives
  Forensic Psychologist Assessment
  Personal Security
- Disenrollment
- Orange Aid (physician support) / EAP
Questions

Thank You!

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Heartfulness Meditation Improves Loneliness and Sleep in Physicians and Advance Practice Providers During COVID-19 Pandemic

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Background

- The pandemic has led to high work demands, irregular break-times, and stress among physicians and advance practice providers.
- Unprecedented work pressures and social isolation during COVID-19 pandemic may worsen loneliness and sleep problems among health care professionals.
Loneliness

• Loneliness is defined as a painfully experienced absence of social contact, belongingness, or a sense of isolation.

• An important social determinant of health and well-being.

• Loneliness poses a significant health problem with increased risks for depression, anxiety, suicidal ideation, and mental health behavior impairment.


Beutel ME et al. BMC Psychiatry. 2017
Sleep

• Sleep problems significantly impair mental well-being and are associated with reduced safety, increased errors and ultimately impacting quality of care for patients.

• Poor sleep has been implicated as one of the factors playing a role in the perception of loneliness.

Simon EB, Walker MP. Nat Commun. 2018
Meditative practices

- Meditation practices are known to have a positive impact on psychological well-being and sleep.
- In recent years, there has been a significant increase in the use of meditation practices among the US adults from 4.1% in the year 2012 to 14.2% in the year 2017 to likely improve psychological well-being.
- Heartfulness Meditation is a simple Heart-based meditation practice that is aimed at achieving an inner state of balance.

Clarke TC et al. NCHS Data Brief. 2018.
Methods

- 4-week prospective randomized controlled study.
- Randomized to either Heartfulness audio guided meditation arm or the control arm (no intervention offered)
- No change to the schedules or additional interventions.
- UCLA loneliness and PSQI scores collected at baseline and at the end of the study.
- Intervention was virtual with no in-person contact with the participants.
- Participants assigned to the Heartfulness meditation arm were asked to listen to guided meditation audio lasting for approximately 6 minutes in the morning and before going to bed.
## Results

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*Participants who left the designation field blank were categorized as other

**Participants not wishing to disclose marital status and work environment are not included

Results

Mean Loneliness Score According to Age

- 21-30: 44
- 31-40: 42
- 41-50: 43
- 51-60: 44
- 61 and above: 41
Results

Mean PSQI score According to Age

- 21-30: 10.5
- 31-40: 10.0
- 41-50: 9.5
- 50-60: 8.5
- 61 and above: 11
Results

Mean Loneliness Score According to Specialty

- OBG
- Urgent care
- Pulmonary and Critical Care
- Family Medicine
- Emergency Department
- Pediatrics
- Psychiatry
- Surgery
- Orthopedic surgery
- Internal Medicine
Results

Mean PSQI score According to Specialty

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- Surgery
- Psychiatry
- Pediatrics
Results

PSQI and Loneliness Scores

- $\geq 14$
- 11 to 13
- 8 to 10
- $\leq 7$

Mean Loneliness score

American Conference on Physician Health

ACPH 2021
Results

1 out of 2 of Physicians and APPs were lonely.

9 out of 10 Physicians and APPs reported sleep problems.
## Frequency of meditation practice

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4-Week Results

Loneliness Results

Control

Meditation

Baseline 4 weeks

* p=0.009
4-Week Results

PSQI Results

- Control
  - Baseline
  - 4 weeks

- Meditation
  - Baseline
  - 4 weeks

* p=0.001
Limitations

- Single health system was involved.
- Relatively smaller sample size.
- Personal life factors could have played a role.
- Lack of an active control.
- Unclear of clinical significance.
- Long term data not available.
Conclusions

• The current research is one of the first attempts to assess loneliness and sleep problems among physicians and advance practice providers during COVID-19 pandemic in the US.

• Heartfulness meditation appears to provide an improvement in the perception of loneliness and sleep quality.

• Given the hectic schedules among health-care workers, a virtually accessible program that could be easily incorporated into the current lifestyle can be practically applicable.
So, what did we offer? Time to experience!
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Leveraging Social Media During A Global Pandemic to Share Mindfulness, Create Connection, and Promote Healing and Personal Growth in Healthcare Professionals

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Objectives

- Learn to utilize social media platforms to foster community
- Learn to utilize virtual platforms for live educational & interactive sessions to reduce stress and burnout amongst healthcare professionals
- Acquire an understanding of mindfulness-based offerings that appeal to healthcare professionals
The Mindful Healthcare Collective

What is it?
A Facebook Group

&

Website mindfulhealthcarecollective.com

- An innovative grassroots solution to address unprecedented stress and isolation in healthcare professionals during the pandemic

- A virtual inclusive space for healthcare professionals to connect, heal, restore, and grow.
Mindful Healthcare Collective

Leadership

Board certifications: Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Medicine, Pediatrics, Med/Peds, Integrative Medicine, Pediatric Anesthesia, Dermatology, OB/GYN, Lifestyle Medicine, Family Medicine

Additional Certifications/Trainings: Mindfulness, coaching, Emotional Freedom Technique, yoga, Brene Brown Dare to Lead curricula, Herbal Medicine

Leadership Experience: Academic faculty, Residency Program Directors, Department Chiefs, Physician Wellness Chiefs, Medical Directors, Medical Societies
FaceBook Group

April 2020– 0 members

Oct 2021– 2200+ members
Programming

- 2 weekly free virtual sessions
- Zoom and FB Live
- "In community"
- For 18 + months
• Mindful yoga
• Coaching
• Tapping (EFT)
• Writing meditation
• Mindfulness
• Book clubs
Results

- Since April 2020 – over 175 live Zoom sessions.
- 6 – 40 participants attend each session
- Sessions have goals of:
  - Reducing stress, anxiety
  - Providing safe space for sharing of experience, trauma, shame, and anti-racism.
Feedback

October, 2020

- 45 members responded
- 86.6% (39) of the respondents --“I love the variety and offerings. Keep doing what you are doing!”
Unsolicited qualitative feedback from group members:

“I appreciate this group and the wisdom you all share. The posts ... remind me that I am part of a healing community of like minded physicians nurturing ourselves and each other during these pandemic times.”
Unsolicited qualitative feedback from group members:

“I appreciate when tidbits pop up on my feed. Keep it up!”

“I love knowing you all are out there. It’s very comforting.”
Unsolicited qualitative feedback from group members:

“Being able to be part of a group that acknowledges, allows, and provides support through burnout has helped me not feel isolated. More aware of assistance that is available, to be able to reach out for help, and especially to see and hear from others who are struggling at times. Very grateful to feel I am a part of something.”
Unsolicited qualitative feedback from group members:

“...especially for me it was the group coaching sessions, and the opportunities to sometimes listen, sometimes be coached. That was really helpful to have an available resource without having to worry about cost or overcommitment.”
What has evolved out of the collective?
The Mindful Healers Podcast

> 11,000 downloads
< 8 months
Yoga for Healers

- Offered weekly
- Attendees from across the globe
- Featured on mindful.org
Session offerings for The Mindfulness for Healthcare Summit sponsored by Mindful.Org including yoga and Mindful Anti-Racism
Conclusions
Grass roots physician-led collaborative efforts can be a powerful conduit to reduce stress, provide support through meaningful community
A Facebook group, website, & online sessions
- led by physicians
- focused on mindfulness

Are an effective and sustainable way to
- create community and connectedness, inclusion
- promote resiliency
- help sustain physician well-being
even and especially during a pandemic
What's happening 18 months later

• Growth
• Ongoing offerings
• Amplification of our efforts e.g. San Diego County Medical Society, SF Marin Medical Society, American Thoracic Society, and via Mindful.org.
Join the community:

Mindful Healthcare Collective on Facebook
https://www.facebook.com/groups/mindfulhealthcarecollective

mindfulhealthcarecollective.com
C O V I D

Change Management AND Well-Being During the COVID-19 Pandemic Crisis

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OBJECTIVES

PRINCIPLES
Define change management principles

WELLNESS IMPACT
Discuss change management impact on well-being

COVID
Application of change management as relates to COVID pandemic

IMPLEMENTATION
Review templates and tools for application of change management principles

CASE STUDIES
Apply principles together through case scenarios to learn from each other
“The application of a structured process and tools to enable individuals or groups to transition from a current state to a future state to achieve a desired outcome.”
Stakeholders

**USERS**
Who benefits from output

**PROVIDERS**
Resource sources

**INFLUENCERS**
Power to influence decisions

**GOVERNANCE**
Interest in how things are managed
CONSIDERATIONS

- Reactions
- Implementation
- Stakeholders
- Communication
- Positivity
CHANGE

- Productivity Declines
- Passive Resistance Escalates
- Projects Not Fully Implemented
- Active Resistance/Sabotage
- Valued Employees Leave
- Morale Deteriorates
- Projects Overbudget
- Projects Past Deadline

NOT MANAGED
Change Management:

1. Prepare for Change
2. Plan for Change
3. Implement the Change
4. Sustaining the Change

Success

Assess for Change
Lewin’s Change Management Model

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Time
McKinsey 7-S Model

- Strategy
- Structure
- Systems
- Staff
- Style
- Skills

Superordinate Goals (Shared Values)
ADKAR Model of Change

- **A** - Awareness: of the need to change
- **D** - Desire: to support and take part in the change
- **K** - Knowledge: of how to change
- **A** - Ability: to implement the change
- **R** - Reinforcement: to sustain the change

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“Kotter’s Eight Steps of Change”

1. Increase Urgency
2. Build the Guiding Team
3. Get the Right Vision
4. Communicate for Buy-In
5. Empower Action
6. Create Short-term Wins
7. Don’t Let Up
8. Make it Stick

Creating a climate for change
Engaging and enabling the whole organization
Implementing and sustaining change

Nudge Theory

- Keep Momentum
- Evidence to Show Best Option
- Limit Obstacles
- Consider Employee Point of View
- Listen to Feedback
- Clearly Define Changes
- Present Change as Choice
- Supplemental to Other Models
PROMOTING WELL-BEING

- Employee Assistance Programs
- Realistic Timeframes
- Strategies for Employee Involvement
- Reward & Recognize
- Tailor Approach
- Open Speak about Mental Health
- Encourage Breaks
- Education on Signs of Stress
- Team Building Activities
- Encourage Activities to Lower Stress

Organization

Education

Organization
CHANGE MANAGEMENT
Elements of Change

- Purpose
- Choreography
- Connection
- Capacity
- Development
- Action
- Scaling
- Direction
- Flexibility

[https://hbr.org/2021/07/how-good-is-your-company-at-change](https://hbr.org/2021/07/how-good-is-your-company-at-change)
Effective Change Management Strategies for Leaders During Covid-19

1. Clear vision
2. Changing thought processes at the leadership level
3. Starting with managers
4. Leverage the timeline
5. Leading with cultural changes
6. Act your way into new thinking

https://www.peoplebox.ai/blog/change-management-strategies-for-leaders-during-covid-19/
Top 5 Change Management Challenges Faced by Leaders During Covid-19

1. Defining a team’s work in a changed structure
2. Having the right executioner who has the time and experience
3. Cultural and individual willingness
4. Level of engagement during changes
5. Implementing changes too late

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AGILE CHANGE MANAGEMENT

Engages with, and responds to, the individual at all levels of the organization
Resilient Leadership in Action

1. **Empathy**
   - To be able to put themselves in the shoes of employees, customers, and their broader ecosystems and consistently connect and communicate with them.

2. **Skilled at triage**
   - To be able to stabilise their organisations to meet the crisis at hand while also finding opportunities amidst constraints.

3. **Decisive action**
   - To be able to take decisions with courage based on imperfect information. Leaders need to take quick actions to ensure physical, emotional, and financial security for the workforce and communities.

4. **Seizing the narrative at the outset**
   - To be transparent about current realities (including what they don’t know) while also painting a compelling picture of the future that inspires others.

Change Management Approach to Navigate Through COVID-19

- Resilient leadership in action
- Central response office activation
- Partnering with stakeholders
- Communication on the go
- Blended learning: The new focus
- New digital ways of working

COVID-19 Change Curve

**Denial**
- This will not affect my country/organisation/myself?

**Depression**
- How can I take care of my and my family's health and well-being?
- Will there be a job or salary loss?
- Will there be a stoppage of essential services?
- Will there be a slowdown in the economy?

**Acceptance**
- I understand COVID-19 realities
- I'm aware of process and policy changes in my organisation
- I can WFH and am empowered with tools/support

**Frustration**
- Virus is impacting my world!
- Why do my professional and personal plans have to change?

**Valley of despair**

**Commitment**
- I'm ready to invest time and effort in learning
- I'm keen to serve communities
- I'd like to innovate my ways of working

Note: Adapted from Kubler-Ross change curve

The goal of change management?

- Shock
- Denial
- Frustration
- Depression
- Experiment
- Decision
- Integration

Reduce disruption time

Use of the ADKAR® and CLARC ® Change Models to Navigate Staffing Model Changes During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Leading Change to Address the Needs and Well-Being of Trainees During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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<td>- Identify/get rid of obstacles to change</td>
<td>Provide faculty development in best practices for telemedicine and tele-education</td>
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<td>- Change systems/structures that undermine vision</td>
<td>Install teleconferencing software, microphones and video cameras on existing computers</td>
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<td>- Encourage risk taking</td>
<td>Encourage members of guiding coalition to experiment with tele-education</td>
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<td>6. Plan for and create short-term wins</td>
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<td>- Plan for visible performance improvements</td>
<td>Work closely with faculty to implement interactive remote teaching</td>
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<td>- Create those improvements</td>
<td>Recognize faculty who effectively utilize novel ways to engage learners with tele-education</td>
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<td>- Recognize/reward others involved in those improvements</td>
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<td>7. Consolidate improvement and produce still more change</td>
<td>Share best practices of how faculty engage with learners remotely</td>
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<td>- Build on momentum to change systems, structures, and policies that don’t fit vision</td>
<td>Advocate for changes in your local institution</td>
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<td>Advocate within APPD, COPS, and COMSEP for flexibility for programs/trainees to meet ACGME, ABP, LCME requirements</td>
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<td>- Make it a habit by articulating the relationship between the new behaviors and success</td>
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APPD indicates Association of Pediatric Program Directors; COPS, Council of Pediatric Subspecialties; COMSEP, Council on Medical Student Education in Pediatrics; ACGME, Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education; ABP, American Board of Pediatrics; and LCME, Liaison Committee on Medical Education.
CASE SCENARIOS

- Crisis on the Individual Level
- Natural Disaster
- Institutional Challenges
SUMMARY

- Become familiar with change management models
- Connect and engage
- Cultivate optimism and resilience
- Communicate change and stability
- Implement best practices
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The Role of the CWO in the COVID-19 Pandemic: Lessons Learned to Promote Post-Traumatic Growth

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Learning Objectives

- Describe different stages of the pandemic and common challenges faced by health care organizations (HCOs)
- Describe the five domains of post-traumatic growth
- Describe how lessons learned from addressing these challenges represent opportunities for post-traumatic growth at their own HCOs
Timeline

• Introductions; domains of post-traumatic growth; our struggles and lessons learned 15 min
• Post-traumatic growth domains small group exercise 15 min
• Report out of each table; think about a high yield opportunity at your organization 20 min
• Share one opportunity for growth for your organization that you will pursue/advocate for 5 min
• Final reflections and key discussion points 5 min
Community Phases of Disaster Response

COVID-19
Brought attention to well-being
Can promote change and...
re-evaluation of missions and core values

Sustained Stress disrupts status quo

New Initiatives can pave the way

Healing the Culture of Medicine Shanafelt et al Mayo Clinic Proc. 2019;94 (8); 1556-1566
Post-traumatic Growth

“A positive psychological change experienced as a result of a struggle with highly challenging life circumstances”

How can we encourage the path to growth?

Olson et al. JAMA 2020;324 (18):1829-1830
Art: National Academy of Medicine: Expressions of Clinician Well-Being
5 Domains of PTG

Improved relationships: How can we engage in deeper discussions to facilitate trust and support of well-being?

Openness to new possibilities: Can adverse consequences and opportunities inspire growth and innovation?

Greater sense of strength: How can we emerge stronger from changes that were needed?

Stronger sense of humanity: Can this experience foster humanity, connections, community; transcends; larger than one institution

Gratitude: What is truly important? How can we express authentic gratitude?

Adapted from Olson et al, 2020;324(18):1829–1830
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<td>Silos of well-being resources</td>
<td>Need organized approach to collate and disseminate</td>
<td>Networking/connections/discussions about well-being</td>
<td>Improved, deeper relationships</td>
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<td>Michigan Medicine</td>
<td>People coming in sick/ not taking care of ourselves</td>
<td>Need for work/home flexibility</td>
<td>Survey to understand why people come to work when they should not</td>
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<td>Brought attention to staff needs</td>
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<td>Make it easy to give public recognition</td>
<td>Increased appreciation felt</td>
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Small group exercise

- **Improved (deeper) relationships**: How can leaders and health professionals engage in honest, transparent, and two-way communication to facilitate support and mutual trust post-pandemic?

- **Openness to new possibilities**: Consider both adverse consequences and opportunities to assess the pandemic’s impact; how can they inspire innovation, improvement, and growth?

- **Greater sense of strength**: How can HCOs emerge stronger from changes and responses that were necessary during the pandemic?

- **Stronger sense of humanity**: What is most important within the organization? How can this experience help develop connections with others, create community, foster altruistic solutions and values within and outside the organization? (Transcendent value- a purpose larger than self)

- **Gratitude**: For what is the organization grateful as a result of the pandemic? Does it show authentic appreciation to its workforce? What are reasons to be optimistic?
Small group exercise
Report out!
Share Opportunities for Growth to Pursue
Advocate for
Final Reflections

- Start with the struggle and move to the path forward
- Don’t force growth - move through grief
- Genuine gratitude is powerful
- Be compassionate toward yourself and colleagues
Results and Resources for Addressing the Challenges of Women Physicians: The Organizational Approach

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Challenges Observed by Workshop Participants

- More childcare, eldercare, and domestic tasks
- Ideas not respected as much as male colleagues
- Not recognized for informal, unpaid leadership
- Different communication styles are not heard/appreciated as much
- “Complaints” are viewed differently (whining rather than strategic thinking)
- No or few women in C-suite/decision-making positions
- Paternalism—assuming women won’t be able to fulfill a position due to domestic tasks and therefore not offering opportunities
- Structural inequities: what roles/tasks are valued (more valued roles tend to be filled by men)
Ideas for Initiatives: PICK Chart Results

Differentiates initiatives by low to high impact/payoff and by low to high difficulty of implementation

High Impact/ Low difficulty

- Schedule a dinner with leaders to talk about gender equity
- Create listening groups
- Develop a leadership program for women that also advances diversity (easy only if you have diverse leaders to guide and support the program)

High Impact/Medium Difficulty

- Taking steps to look at and advance DEI also
- Develop a peer support/mentorship program (especially important for trainees)
- Take steps to support community building

High Impact/High Difficulty

- Develop a transition-back-to-work program with a designated navigator
- Change time templates to reflect care complexity (women physicians tend to care for patients with more complex conditions, to talk about psychosocial concerns, and to spend longer per patient)
- Culture change—especially around who we grow as leaders

No Low Impact initiatives were suggested
Results from Poll on Action Steps

Write down one idea you’d like to bring back to your organization and the first action step you will take:

- Get a list of new faculty and onboard re wellness resources at our institution
- Lead with compassion by asking the leaders to a lunch forum to discuss ways to have more women on the podium at grand rounds Then set this lunch meeting to be quarterly
- Finalize the New Parent Resource Guide - Action Item: regroup our team to complete intranet/resource build
- Take the first step in making a new contact to expand my network of collaborators in my organization
- Women's Book or Dinner Club to build community
- Equility#Equity. Print the slide and use it in meetings
- Give physicians (female or male) who take care of Irritable Bowel Patients (IBS) more time or wRVU credit per patient because the IBS patients tend to prefer female physicians and yet these patients take longer and are more complicating and challenging.
- Invite male executive and clinical leaders to our 50 Ways to Fight Bias workshops
- Plan to bring a discussion into Executive leadership and board (mostly men) to get their involvement but to clarify that we need strategies surrounding Womens leadership qualities, not to look like men
- Research HR policies/ procedures in other institutions—how are they handling micro aggressions/ sexual harassment? Has anyone figured out a way that works?
- Start allyship group
- Optimizing daily physician workflows during schedule transitions such as medical leave, personal leave, sabbatical leave or general PTO
- Also 12 weeks parental leave. If UCSF a sister organization can do it there is no reason UCSD cannot!
- Ask my coaching clients (as appropriate to the coaching): how has gender affected your career? Female and male, both.
- Sending out a best practices sheet of recruiting women in residencies : will send an email to DIO to encourage this with an attached tip sheet as a first draft.
- By next Tuesday, I will check our HR dashboard and display the ratio of female/male supervisors by department compared to their ratio of female/male staff at our next hospital meeting.
- In conjunction with office of faculty affairs, create mid-career women’s leadership program. Must make it easy for them to participate (dedicated clinical time off to attend).
- Emergency childcare contract for employees Will discuss with my chief
- Gather together the key stakeholders to explore Lactation RVUs by Dec 20, 2021.
- Partner with EID leaders to explore a women’s mentorship program.
- Idea: adjust standard appointment time for women physicians who get a larger number of difficult patients. First step: bring the idea to our all-male leadership. 😊
- At Wellness Taskforce meeting advocate for the lactation RVU program. Several departments offer something similar at UCSD but it is not a universal program. The fact that UCSF has this in place will be a compelling argument for leadership.
- Get my relationship based leadership course on my website with CME.
• Incorporate mentorship program into our peer support program- discuss with quality officer
• Create session on issues facing female physicians & being an ally for resident/fellow professional development series.
• We have already done much work on evaluating the lactation policy at our organization. We need to take it across the finish line and continue to advocate at high levels. I will email and set up meetings to continue to advocate
• Create a platform for women physicians
• Contact my friend in DEI to see who is the lead for gender equity work so I can collaborate with them and bring them these ideas from the conference.
• Policy navigator - see if there is someone existing like this in our organization. Consider what it would take to make this feasible.
• Create female physician leadership curriculum
• The lactation and RVU idea
• Advocate for 12 weeks parental leave
UCSF Resources

• Women and UIM* Leadership Data Stories [Link]
• Lactation Support Program
  • UCSF Newsletter post [Link]
  • KevinMD blog post [Link]
• WISE Women Learning Groups [Link]
• Child Bearing and Child Rearing Leave Policy Resources [Link]
• Best Practices for Gender Inclusiveness [Link]

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Other Resources

• Innovations: Getting Rid of Stupid Stuff
  • Video from Annals of Internal Medicine. [Link](#)

• Leadership Engagement: Immersion Day at Mission Health [Link](#)

• Cohort Coaching: Novant Leadership Development program [Link](#)

• AMA Steps Forward module: Creating the Organizational Foundation for Joy in Medicine™ [Link](#)

• White paper discussed in session: *The Challenges Women Physicians Face: What's Needed to Shift from Striving to Thriving*. To request a copy, email diane@dianeshannon.com
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GETTING OFF THE STRUGGLE BUS:
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Agenda

- Introduction to the Exceptional Faculty Experience (EFE) Project
- Six Degrees of Separation Activity (pairs)
- Results from the EFE Project
  - Expert tips
- Struggle Bus Group Activity
- Wrap up and Q & A
Exceptional Faculty Experience Project
BACKGROUND
BACKGROUND

• Borrowed from Exceptional Patient Experience framework (Parchman et al, 2017; Perriera et al, 2019)
• Faculty retention is key
• Current research framed in past or present

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE LOOK FORWARD INTO AN IDEAL FUTURE?
PURPOSE
GOALS

We had two objectives:
1) to unpack the future-based ideal conditions that would lead to an exceptional faculty experience for our faculty; and
2) to build a theoretical model of what that exceptional faculty experience would look like.
RESEARCH QUESTIONS

Two research questions guided this work:

1. What are the dominant elements identified by faculty as pillars of an exceptional faculty experience?
2. What can be done to increase excellence within faculty experience?
DESIGN & METHODS

- Exploratory mixed-methods
- SenseMaker® Technology
- Iterative item development over 13 months
- Data analysis
  - Quantitative = simple statistical analysis
  - Qualitative = inductive thematic analysis
PAUSE FOR AN ACTIVITY
ACTIVITY

Step 1: Quick write independently

Create a list of 5 things that would make your experience as an academic physician truly exceptional experience/workplace
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Step 3: Write the overlapping things between your lists on post-it notes (1 thing per sticky)
DEMOGRAPHICS
CONCEPTUAL MODEL
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- Adequate pay
- Success measures beyond RVUs

Institutionalized systems of acknowledgement
- System for recognizing value
- Regular expressions of appreciation
- Tangible reward system

Autonomy in areas of concentration
- Variability in work tasks
- Freedom to dictate focus of contribution
- Balance of tasks/manageable workload

Support of self-determined area of impact
- Patient Success/Wellness
- Student Success/Growth
- Field development and innovation
- Facilitated pathways to national recognition
Adequate and effective administrative support

- Designated administrative support
- Manageable administrator workload
- Ability to work at top of license
- High performing institution

Organized forums for collaboration

- Mentorship and mentoring opportunities
- Peer learning communities
- Freedom to pursue interdisciplinary research
- Cooperative work culture

Diverse and inclusive workforce

- Diversified hiring tasks forces
- Equitable access to opportunities
- Anti-racist institutional initiatives

Psychological Safety

- Planned opportunities to provide feedback
- Protections from repercussions after providing feedback
ACTIVITY

Sourcing our collective wisdom to get off the struggle bus
QUESTIONS?
Disclosures

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A Multidimensional Approach to Physician Support During a Pandemic

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## Learning Objectives

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<td>Identify</td>
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What is JAMM?
JAMM | Strategic Framework

Culture
- Measurement
- Leadership development
- Community and camaraderie
- Psychological safety
- Recognition
- Professional development
- Physical environment
- TPMG values and mission

Practice Support
- Reduction of clerical burden
- Support staff engagement
- Process improvement
- Technology
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Flexibility and autonomy

Personal Wellness
- Personal health
- Well-being and EAP
- Resilience
- Mindfulness
- Gratitude
- Volunteerism
- Diverse wellness programs
Defining JAMM

JAMM is more than the absence of burnout -- **it is about connections to meaning and purpose.**

JAMM is not just the responsibility of the individual.

JAMM is a result of having systems that are optimized to support our practice.

JAMM impacts all we hope to achieve—exceptional care experience, operational excellence, and outstanding quality.
Enhancing JAMM

Supporting our PEOPLE

Navigating challenges TOGETHER
## A time of unprecedented stressors

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Method/Approach
COVID-19 Physician Support Taskforce

Comprised of leaders from command center, wellness teams, operations, well-being, EAP and Physician HR

Understand the evolving pandemic-related needs

Strategize how best to deploy the robust resources, programs, and support personnel already in place

Generate new proposals for physician support
JAMM & Physician Support | Website

Links to Local Physician Health & Wellness sites and contact info for your local PHW, Well Being, and Communication Consultant leads

Information on upcoming Virtual JAMM Series and CRC&l sessions and recordings of past events.

Information on temporary benefits being offered to physicians during the pandemic.

Mindfulness, resilience & gratitude, health & wellness resources

Physician Wellbeing, EAP and Mental Health Line information

Resources & tools for working remotely, video visit, & patient communication.

Resources for parenting support and offerings for medical providers.
JAMM | Enhanced COVID-19 Benefits

- COVID financial benefits
- Childcare grants & resources
- COVID-19 support website
- Physician Well-Being support
- Physician Health & Wellness virtual events
- Virtual Mindful Medicine program
- Virtual parenting support offerings

https://sp-cloud.kp.org/sites/PhysicianCOVIDResources
Navigating stress, anxiety and mental health support
- Parenting during the pandemic
- Professional development
- Healthy eating & lifestyle
- Practice support
Physician Mental Health Line

24/7 rapid triage line providing confidential assessment and linkage to appropriate resources and care based on need and physician preference

- Accessed through messaging app
- Internal referrals
  - Fast track referrals to psychiatrist or therapist
- External referrals
  - Immediate referrals to virtual therapy platforms, external psychiatrist or therapist
Covid-19 Pandemic

- COVID-19 Taskforce
- COVID-19 Physician Support Site
- Virtual JAMM Series
- 24/7 Physician Mental Health Line
- Reintegration Programming
- Healing Our Healthcare Heroes
- Customized Support for Leaders
- Childcare grants and resources
- Desktop Medicine Support
- Technology tools
- Systems and Operations
- Virtual COVID CME programs
- Pilot Physician Distress Screening and Resource Platform

Years:
- 2020
- 2021
- 2022
Results
JAMM & Physician Support | Website

- Site went live April 2020
- Communicated through various stakeholders
- Served as central source for clinical and well-being resources

Over **39K** site visits

4k unique visitors

Top Page: Family Resources

Top Content: Virtual JAMM Series
Virtual JAMM Series
• Began May 2020
• More than 1,000 physicians attended the inaugural live virtual wellness presentation

Practice and Technology Support for the Virtual World
• Launched in September of 2020
• Over 99% of physicians completed
Physician Support – Perceived Value

- JAMM survey deployed in late 2020
- Included questions about the perceived value of pandemic-specific support

5965 physicians responded

62% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the additional support offered during the pandemic had been of value to them.
Disclosures

• We have nothing to disclose
Medical Student Mental Health

Student Burnout, Treatment Acquisition, and Barriers to Care at a Single Institution

Presented by Claire Collins & Cayla Pichan
Learning Objectives/Agenda

1. Burnout distribution among medical student years offers opportunity for targeted improvement & interventions.

2. What are the barriers? And how are we trying to overcome them?
   a. Why is targeted programming needed?
   b. Early intervention is vital.
   c. Consistent intervention is needed throughout training.

3. Applicability to faculty and resident training programs.
Our Journey

1. Identification of the Problem - Inadequate Resources Available
2. Distribution of Needs Assessment to Medical School Student Body
3. Data Interpretation
4. Proposal Creation
5. Change Implementation
6. Dissemination / Inspiring Others to do the Same
A Far Too Common Story

No Hopeless, 2007
Yoshitomo Nara
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Tending Unwell
Medical Students in the United States

50% of students experience burnout[^1].

10% of students experience suicidal ideation[^1-3].

1/3 of students experience depression[^4].

<13% of students seek treatment[^4].
Our Journey

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Asking the Right Questions

Student Well-being
- Burnout
- Emotional well-being
- Mental health

Barriers to Care
- Time
- Cost
- Stigma

Satisfaction with Current Services
- Internal services
- External services
Our Journey

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Change Implementation

Student Physician Well-being

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Proposal Creation

Dissemination / Inspiring Others to do the Same
Needs Assessment

588 Students Received the Survey

312 Students Responded

82% Reported Concern for Well-being
Emotional Well-being, Burnout, and Satisfaction with Current Resources

82% of students
Had concern for their emotional well-being

2x more burnt out
Pre-clinical and core clinical students

78% of students
Believed the school should be doing more
37% did not seek treatment
77 participants identified barriers to obtaining care

Lack of Time
Fear
Cost
Other

BARRIERS TO CARE
“...the barriers to access this program have not been addressed and make it inaccessible...we have no official scheduled time to take medical appointments”
“I absolutely loved the provider I saw... [but] I was stuck with an absolutely enormous medical bill that no one warned me about...”
“There needs to be more one-on-one ‘opt-out’ mental health services. The hardest part of seeking care for me has always been getting over the shame and difficulty of first reaching out when I need help. In the high-achieving atmosphere of medical school, this is even harder.”
“I felt like I was constantly drowning in the scientific trunk curriculum... I hardly had time to take care of myself... I felt suicidal which is why I ended up getting help, but I should have gotten help long before when the depressive symptoms started but I didn't have time because I was so overwhelmed with school. I wish we talked about physician suicide and depression more often and make it more normal to talk about it [with] peers. I still am not sure if I should mention it to people that I'm depressed or was suicidal for a while.”
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Student Physician Well-being
Matching Our Student Need

Desired features of mental health program

- Scheduling Ease
- Confidential
- Quality
- Flexible Hours
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Student Physician Well-being
An in-depth proposal was created outlining:

- Current state of our students’ mental health and well-being
- National colleagues
- Vetted alternatives
- Program proposal
Timeline

- **JUL**: Presentation of data to Deans at the medical school
- **JUN**: Began working on comprehensive proposal for new mental health program
- **MAY**: Presented proposal to Executive Vice Dean for Academic Affairs Cabinet
- **APR**: Verbal approval to proceed with development of pilot year of new program
- **MAR**: Budget proposal approved for fiscal year
- **FEB**: Created hiring materials and job postings
- **AUG**: Creation of 18-member workgroup
- **SEP**: Finalized proposal
- **OCT**: Disseminated proposal to additional stakeholders
- **NOV**: Began working with Facilities to identify space
- **DEC**: Fleshed out program details
- **JAN**: Funding made available

2020-2021
Our Journey

Identification of the Problem - Inadequate Resources Available

Student Physician Well-being

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Change Implementation

Dissemination / Inspiring Others to do the Same
What are some things you can take away from today to encourage your institution to support necessary changes for your medical students, residents and faculty?

- Survey students for
  - Needs
  - Preferences
  - Barriers
- Use data to drive innovation
- Focus on structural change
- Utilize opt-out models
Let’s Reflect

Training of the Purple Spirit, 2017
Kim Noble
Medical Student Mental Health Program (MSMHP)

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Co-Chair of MSMHP Team

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Mixed up Model, 2017
Eddie and Charlie Proudfoot
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CHANGES IN CLINICIAN WELL-BEING AND NEEDS OVER TIME DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE INCREASED BURDEN ON FEMALE CLINICIANS

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Based primarily in Northern California
Not-for-profit healthcare network
~3.28 million active patients
9 medical groups and 23 hospitals
14,000 physician/APC’s
Pulse Survey Purpose

- Express appreciation
- Gather meaningful information
- Escalate concerns
- Share across the system
- Drive data driven tactics
Methods/Approach

Survey
- Clinical and research team developed a survey measuring 5 domains:
  - Burnout (using a validated single-item measure)
  - Leadership
  - Safety at work
  - Caregiving
  - What can be done to support clinicians?

Approach
- Emailed survey to clinicians (physicians and advanced practice clinicians-APCs) in 17 Sutter Health hospitals and 8 affiliated medical groups
- Summer 2020 survey was distributed by Sutter Health research team
- Fall 2020 survey distributed by research team and NRC Health
- Analyzed between group differences using two-sided Chi-square test
# Survey Sample

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<td>9,318</td>
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<td>3,470 (31.8%)</td>
<td>4,556 (48.9%)</td>
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<td>1,606 (46.3%)</td>
<td>2,386 (52.4%)</td>
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<td>1,708 (49.2%)</td>
<td>1,913 (42.0%)</td>
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<td>253 (7.3%)</td>
<td>347 (7.6%)</td>
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<td>970 (28.0%)</td>
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<td>55-64</td>
<td>740 (21.3%)</td>
<td>934 (20.5%)</td>
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<td>65+</td>
<td>348 (10.0%)</td>
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<td>154 (4.4%)</td>
<td>181 (4.0%)</td>
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Note: 413 survey participants with unknown gender excluded from gender subgroup analysis
Gender Differences
Percent of Clinicians Reporting Burnout Overall and by Gender

** p ≤ 0.001

NOTE: Burnout defined as those selecting 3, 4, or 5.
No significant difference in overall burnout between Summer and Fall.

1. I enjoy my work. I have no symptoms of burnout.
2. Occasionally under stress, but I don’t feel burnout.
3. I am definitely burning out.
4. The symptoms of burnout won’t go away.
5. I feel completely burned out and often wonder if I can go on.

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<td>1. I enjoy my work. I have no symptoms of burnout.</td>
<td>24.6%**</td>
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<td>2. Occasionally under stress, but I don’t feel burnout.</td>
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Differences by Gender

My childcare or caregiving responsibilities are impacting my work
Percent Responding Agree or Strongly Agree

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<td>26.0%**</td>
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I believe my concerns will be acted upon
Percent Responding Agree or Strongly Agree

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<td>64.8%**</td>
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Support for mental health needs

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Provide more flexibility with schedules

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Gender Differences (women vs. men)

- Burnout was much higher for women in both summer and fall
- Women desired more support with schedule flexibility and mental health support
- Women were more impacted by caregiving responsibilities
Action Plan - Ambulatory

- PPE Supplies
- Childcare/PUI Housing
- Flexible Schedules
- Mental Health Support
- Fast Access Psychiatric Care
- Mental Health Resources in EHR
- Senior Leadership Collaboration
Action Plan - Inpatient

- EAP for All
- Mental Health Resources
- Peer Support Programs
- System Wellness Committee
- Leadership Training
- Newsletters
Examples

FAST ACCESS

Sutter Health Joy of Work Team, in partnership with the nonprofit Mind to Mindful, is proud to offer expedited access to psychiatry services for clinician well-being at Sutter-affiliated Medical Groups and IPA’s.

Caring for patients is challenging. It can be hard to maintain our own well-being, and also to ask for help. **Fast Access** provides our clinicians a quick and confidential way to get immediate support during the times when they need it the most.

How does it work?

Call (916) 877-1294 and ask to leave a message for Dr. Mark Levine. Dr. Levine will contact you to arrange an appointment with a psychiatrist who is ready and willing to see our clinicians when they need arises.

For assistance please call 1

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<td>No, but all psychiatrists are covered through your Medical Group insurance. You would be responsible for your applicable co-pay/deductible based on your plan design.</td>
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| **Is the psychiatry group part of Sutter or Sutter EAP?** |
| No. Psychiatrists from several private practice groups are participating in this program. |

| **How is this different than EAP?** |
| We have a vibrant EAP that already provides great access to therapy services but doesn’t include psychiatry. We’ve partnered with a psychiatry group to provide expedited access to our clinicians. |

| **Will I need to be seen in person?** |
| The plan is for most clinicians accessing the program to be seen virtually for the clinician’s convenience and also given distance and COVID considerations. |

| **Is this for our patients, or for us clinicians?** |
| Fast Access is for our clinicians in Sutter affiliated medical groups and IPA’s. Please don’t direct your patients to the above number, unless they are a clinician (physician or APC) in one the groups or IPA’s. |

| **Is this for emergency psychiatric services?** |
| No, for emergency psychiatric needs please go to an ER or call 911. |

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**Free and Confidential Resources**

Physician Support line: 1-888-409-0141
Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255 (TALK)
Crisis text line: text TALK to 741741
CMA’s 24-hour Physicians Confidential Assistance Line: 1-213-383-2691
Front Line Workers Counseling Project: **fwp.org**
Peer Coaching from the CMA: **https://www.cmadocs.org/wellness/care4caregivers** or 1-800-241-2466

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**Free and Confidential Resources available to our Medical Staff (all Physicians and APCs at SMCS)**

EAP: 1-800-477-2258 or [www.sutterhealth.org/eap](http://www.sutterhealth.org/eap).
Well Being Committee: 916 887-1294
Peer Support: 916-887-1294 or email PeerSupportSMCS@sutterhealth.org

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Next surveys September and October…
19-20 months into COVID Pandemic
Thank You…. Questions/Comments
Relationship between gender and sacrifices made for career among early career pediatricians

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Background

• There is growing awareness of the intersection of equity and physician well-being

• Studies suggest that gender and sex identities are of particular importance:
  – Women physicians reported more problems with work-life integration (Tawfik et al 2021)
  – Female pediatricians experienced a more significant increase in burnout prevalence compared to men from 2012-2016 (21%-39% % vs 18%-26%) (Cull et al 2018)
  – Among early career pediatricians, female pediatricians reported lower career satisfaction (Starmer et al 2016)
TERMINOLOGY
Much of the physician workforce research has used sex and gender interchangeably and as a binary.

Discussion of data and studies to date is limited by this.

Today, I aim to use inclusive language when able.

Women will be used as a gender term that includes everyone who identifies as such (may include cis or trans gender women)
What is driving these sex and gender inequities?
WOMEN IN MEDICINE — EVIDENCE TO DATE

**Burnout**
- Gendered expectations by patients (women expected to spend more time and have better communication skills compared to male colleagues)

**Professional fulfillment**
- Values mis-alignment, particularly in academic medicine
- Experience of discrimination and bias
- Invisible work
- Minority tax

**Work-life intersection**
- More household work
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Whether these trends exist in pediatrics, and to what extent they are related to personal and professional well-being, is unknown
Study purpose

1) Examine personal and work characteristics of early career pediatricians by self-identified sex

2) Describe personal sacrifices pediatricians made related to partnering and parenthood

3) Explore relationships between sex, married/partnered, and parenthood and sacrifices made for career and whether career impacted starting a family

4) Examine relationships of such sacrifices with career satisfaction.
Methods – Data Collection

- Ongoing longitudinal study of pediatrician cohorts
- Participants are surveyed 2 times a year:
  - Longitudinal survey
  - Pulse survey (topic selected by participants)

- 2016-2018 residency graduates cohort (Early Career Pediatricians)
- 2019 Fall Pulse Survey
- Subset of Likert-scale questions asking about personal sacrifices made for career
Methods - Variables

• Predictors:
  ▪ Self-assigned sex (Female, Male or Self-describe)
  ▪ Married/partnered status
    ▪ Married, civil union, or living with partner
    ▪ Never married or not living with partner, divorced, separated, widowed
  ▪ Parenthood status (Children vs No children)
Methods - Data Analysis

Chi-squared tests analyzed sex, partnered and parenthood differences in responses to:

**QUESTION**

“To what extent have you made sacrifices in your personal or family life for the sake of your career?”

**COMPARISON**

A lot VS Some and None

“My career has been worth the sacrifices I made in order to become a physician”

Strongly agree and Agree VS Disagree and Strongly agree
Methods - Data Analysis (Subgroups)

Chi-squared tests analyzed **sex** differences in responses to:

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<td>Parents</td>
<td><strong>“Did you delay starting a family because of you training or job responsibilities?”</strong></td>
<td>Yes VS no</td>
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<td>No children</td>
<td><strong>“To what extent have you made sacrifices in the following areas of your life for your career?”</strong></td>
<td>A lot VS Some and None</td>
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<td>No partner</td>
<td>Finding a partner</td>
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Results

- 90% of the cohort participated in survey (830/918)
- Mean age = 33 years
- 75% female (n=620), 25% male (n=210)
- 77% partnered
- 43% had children
- 33% in fellowship training
Demographic characteristics of early career pediatricians by gender: Percent reporting

- **Partnered**
  - Women: 76.4%
  - Men: 80.5%
  - $P = 0.22$

- **Partner working***
  - Women: 94.0%
  - Men: 68.8%
  - $P < 0.01$

- **Have children**
  - Women: 41.3%
  - Men: 47.6%
  - $P = 0.11$

*Among pediatricians with partners; \(p < 0.001\)

Source: AAP Pediatrician Life and Career Experience Study (PLACES); 2016-2018 Residency Graduates Cohort, 2019 data (n=830)
Men were more likely than women to be in fellowship training and work more than 50 hours/week. There were no gender differences in work setting or area.
To what extent have you made sacrifices in your personal life for your career?

- No sacrifices: 3.9%
- Some sacrifices: 55.5%
- A lot of sacrifices: 40.6%

Percent reporting
To what extent have you made sacrifices in your personal life for career?
Percent reporting 'A lot'

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Source: AAP Pediatrician Life and Career Experience Study (PLACES) 2016-2018 Residency Graduates Cohort, 2019 data; *p<0.05
My career has been worth the sacrifices made to become a physician

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Agree
- Strongly agree

76.9% agree or strongly agree

Percent reporting:
- 3.6%
- 19.5%
- 59.9%
- 17.0%
My career has been worth the sacrifices to become a physician: Percent reporting 'Strongly Agree' or 'Agree'

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Source: AAP Pediatrician Life and Career Experience Study (PLACES); 2016-2018 Residency Graduates Cohort, 2019 data. *p<0.001
Among early career pediatricians with children...Did you delay starting a family because of your training or job responsibilities?

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Women were more likely to report “Yes” $p < 0.001$
Women were more likely to report “Yes” \( p < 0.001 \)

Partner working were more likely to report “Yes” \( p < 0.01 \)
Among early career pediatricians without children...To what extent have you made sacrifices in 'whether or not to have children' for your career?

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Women were more likely to report “A lot” $p < 0.01$
Women were more likely to report “A lot” p =0.04
Summary

- More than half (58.7%) of pediatricians with children delayed starting a family due to work or training responsibilities. Women > men
- Compared to men, women pediatricians without children were more likely to report making sacrifices related to whether to have children due to career.
- Single pediatricians were more likely to report “a lot” of personal sacrifices made for career. Single women more often reported they made sacrifices in finding a spouse or partner for their career compared to single men.
- While 76.9% of participants felt their career was worth the personal sacrifices, almost a quarter (23.1%) did not. Women more likely not feel their career was worth the sacrifices compared to men.
Why is this important?
Limitations

• Data not adjusted for other variables
• Longitudinal data or follow up studies are needed to understand how perception of sacrifices made in early career and training relate to professional and life satisfaction over the long term and likelihood of leaving medicine
• Study may underestimate regrets regarding deferment of having children given young age of cohort (mean=33)
Discussion

• Women perceive more sacrifices related to partnership and childbearing
  ▪ Women face a finite number of reproductive years
  ▪ Previous studies have shown women are less likely to perceive institutions as “family friendly”
  ▪ Women physicians more likely to have full time working spouses

• System changes like paid parental leave may improve gender disparities in personal sacrifices made for career

• Future work should better understand the personal sacrifices unique to women early career physicians and investigate interventions to support personal life and family planning during training and early career
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Relationship between gender and sacrifices made for career among early career pediatricians

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A Data Driven Strategy to Address the Experiences of Female Physician Faculty

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Background

• Burnout is a critical issue affecting modern physicians.

• It has negative effects on healthcare practice and workforce availability.

• Female physicians have significantly different experiences in the workforce than male physicians.

Gender differences in work-family conflict

Gender differences in time on the EHR

Table 2. Adjusted Association of Female Sex With EHR Use Metrics

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<tr>
<th>EHR use metrics</th>
<th>All physicians (N = 997)</th>
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<td>Minutes in system per day on unscheduled days</td>
<td>47 (34-60)</td>
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<td>Minutes in system per day outside of scheduled hours</td>
<td>48 (33-65)</td>
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<td>Minutes in system per day outside of 7 AM to 7 PM</td>
<td>61 (43-81)</td>
<td>&lt;.001</td>
<td>35 (16-94)</td>
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<td>Total minutes in system per day</td>
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<td>41 (24-61)</td>
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Abbreviation: EHR, electronic health record.

* Separate models were fit with each EHR use metric as an outcome, and a log-transformation was applied to each outcome during modeling. Each coefficient has been exponentiated and is represented as percentage change of the outcome variable associated with female vs male sex. All models are adjusted for the following covariates: years since completion of training, mean number of problems on patient problem list, and percentage of days with appointments.

Salary differences among dept chairs

Table 2. Sensitivity Analyses on Salary by Sex

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<th>Sensitivity Analysis</th>
<th>No. of Chairs</th>
<th>Sex Difference in Salary [M-F] (95% CI), $</th>
<th>P Value</th>
<th>F Cents per M Dollar (95% CI), $a</th>
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<td>All individualsb</td>
<td>514</td>
<td>67 517.05 (13 474.29 to 121 560.80)c</td>
<td>.02</td>
<td>0.87 (0.71 to 1.03)</td>
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<td>Excluding potentially erroneous salariesb</td>
<td>214</td>
<td>119 072.50 (49 427.39 to 188 717.70)c</td>
<td>&lt;.01</td>
<td>0.76 (0.58 to 0.95)c</td>
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<td>Adjustment for publications and NIH grantsd</td>
<td>257</td>
<td>63 632.25 (2757.13 to 124 507.40)c</td>
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<td>Adjustment for publications, NIH grants, and state salary databasee</td>
<td>257</td>
<td>47 230.82 (~11 969.39 to 106 431)</td>
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<td>0.88 (0.76 to 1.00)c</td>
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Source: Mensah et al. JAMA IM. 2020;180(5):789-792
Gender differences in harassment & bias

Table 1. Self-reported Experiences of Gender Bias, Advantage, and Sexual Harassment of K08 and K23 Career Development Awardees

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<th>Experience Description</th>
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<td>Respondents who perceived gender-specific bias in the academic environment&lt;sup&gt;b&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>343 (69.6) [65.3-73.6]</td>
<td>125 (21.8) [18.5-25.4]</td>
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<td>Respondents who reported they personally experienced gender bias in professional advancement&lt;sup&gt;c&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>327 (66.3) [62.0-70.5]</td>
<td>56 (9.8) [7.5-12.5]</td>
<td>57.0 (52.1-61.8)</td>
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<td>Respondents who reported they personally experienced gender advantage in professional advancement&lt;sup&gt;d&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>129 (26.2) [22.5-30.3]</td>
<td>118 (20.6) [17.4-24.1]</td>
<td>5.6 (0.5-10.8)</td>
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<td>150 (30.4) [26.4-34.7]</td>
<td>24 (4.2) [2.7-6.2]</td>
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<sup>a</sup> P value adjusting for specialty, race (majority vs minority), and years in faculty position.

<sup>b</sup> This item asked, “Do you perceive any gender-specific biases or obstacles to the career success or satisfaction of faculty by gender in your work environment (ranging from 1 [no, never] to 5 [yes, frequently])?” Responses of 3, 4, and 5 were considered affirmative.

<sup>c</sup> This item asked, “In your professional career, have you had increased opportunities for professional advancement based on gender (1, yes; 2, probably; 3, possibly; 4, probably not; 5, no)?” Responses of 1, 2, and 3 were considered affirmative.

<sup>d</sup> This item asked, “In your professional career, have you encountered unwanted sexual comments, attention, or advances by a superior or colleague (yes or no)?” Responses of “yes” were considered affirmative.


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Aims

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• To characterize domains in which the experiences of female faculty differ from those of male faculty.

• To develop and evaluate targeted programming.
Methods

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    • Professional fulfillment
      • Measure of satisfaction and meaning at work
Methods

Assessment of culture of wellness, personal resilience, practice efficiency factors
Methods

• Chi-squared tests were used to compare burnout and professional fulfillment rates by gender.

• T-tests were used to compare ratings of culture of wellness, personal resilience, and efficiency of practice factors.
Methods

• Based on these and prior survey findings, we launched five coaching programs for female faculty.

• Participants were surveyed about program perceptions post-participation.

• We have additionally developed programming to address other drivers relevant to female faculty.
Results

• Overall sample consisted of:
  • n = 1,070 physician respondents (50% response rate)
  • 44.7% female faculty and 55.3% male faculty
Burnout Rates by Gender

p<0.01 for differences across genders

Males (n=533 for 2019) 33%

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Professional Fulfillment Rates by Gender

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# Female Faculty Coaching Programs

In 2019-20 we launched 5 Female Faculty Coaching Programs with 135 participants.

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<td>Individual leadership development and performance</td>
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<td>Great on the Job</td>
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<td>Coaches Collaborative</td>
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<td>18</td>
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Coaching Programs Participant Survey Highlights

Coaching programs were of high value to participants
76% would participate in a future coaching program

Program/Coach

79% thought the coaching programs were relevant to their career
74% thought their coach was skilled
61% thought the programs met their expectation

Impact

63% found the coaching programs improved their professional goals and personal development
70% found the coaching programs improved their personal wellbeing
Ongoing Initiatives

- Female Faculty Network
- Professional Development Offerings
- Department Specific Initiatives – BWell Grants
- Job Doability Initiatives
- Awards Programs
- Mentorship & Sponsorship Initiatives
Female Faculty Network

- Monthly sessions focused on specific career interests
  - Dual purpose of highlighting success female faculty and creating community
  - Sessions thus far have included:
    - How to Be an Ally for Female Faculty
    - Clinical Excellence
    - Clinical Research
    - Healthcare Administration
Professional Development

• Offered to all faculty, but many have substantial relevance to female faculty
  • Taking ownership of your career
  • Leading with emotional intelligence
  • Email management
  • Time management
Department Specific Initiatives

• Our BWell MD Grant Program facilitates local innovation.

Projects of particular relevance to female faculty:
  • Administrative support for academic tasks relevant to scholarship and promotion
  • Peer mentoring programs & digital mentorship platform
  • Academic coaches for promotion
  • New parents coaching
  • Think tank about flexible working for hospital-based specialties
  • Female faculty book club
Awards Programs

• The Brigham and Women’s Physicians Organization’s Pillar Awards recognize physicians who excel in teaching, mentorship, clinical care, and more!
Conclusions

• Female physician faculty have significantly higher burnout rates and lower professional fulfillment rates.

• They have lower ratings of self-compassion, organizational leadership, feelings of professional contribution, and impact of work on personal relationships.
Conclusions

• Targeted programming consisting of coaching, professional development opportunities, and networking opportunities may serve as a starting point for addressing these differences.

• Future work should assess the impact of targeted programming on the wellbeing of female faculty.
Questions and Discussion

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Drivers of Burnout and Professional Fulfillment Among Academic Medical Faculty

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Assessment of culture of wellness, personal resilience, practice efficiency factors
Methods

• Comparisons of burnout and professional fulfillment rates by gender and academic rank via GEE clustered by department.

• Multivariable linear regression used to explore the relationship between burnout & professional fulfillment scores and culture of wellness, personal resilience, and efficiency of practice factors.
Methods

• We developed targeted programming based on what survey results revealed about the needs of our faculty members.
Results

• Sample: n = 1,070 physician respondents (50% response rate)
• Gender: 44.7% female and 55.3% male
• Rank: 36.5% instructors, 27.9% assistant professors, 13.1% associate professors, 10.7% full professors
• Medicine, anesthesiology, radiology most represented departments
Overall Burnout & Professional Fulfillment

- Burnout: 39.6%
- Professional Fulfillment: 38.0%
Burnout Rates by Gender

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Burnout Rates by Rank

- Instructor (n=391): 44%
- Assistant Professor (n=298): 43%
- Associate Professor (n=140): 35%
- Professor (n=111): 20%
- Other (n=53): 36%

Professional Fulfillment Rates by Rank

- Instructor (n=394): 32%
- Assistant Professor (n=302): 36%
- Associate Professor (n=144): 44%
- Professor (n=112): 62%
- Other (n=51): 25%

*p<0.01 for differences across ranks*
## Predicting Burnout

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## Predicting Professional Fulfillment

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Supporting Our Faculty to Address Drivers

### Perceived Gratitude

**Driver description:** Faculty's perceptions over the last 2 weeks of their colleagues appreciating their contributions to the team, things they do for patients and coworkers, and having them as a colleague.

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<td>The aim of the coaching programs is to empower faculty at all stages of career development, and set a path for career growth by enhancing and promoting leadership, professional coaching, time management and peer support.</td>
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<td>The goal of the Brigham to Table is to encourage and inspire Brigham Health faculty to connect with one of the most valuable assets of our institution: their colleagues.</td>
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<td>The Brigham to Table Program</td>
<td>Brigham Faculty Pillar Awards are peer recognition awards and are awarded to BWH faculty in recognition of achievement in one, or more, of the five pillars of academic life: Mentorship/Teaching, Education, Research, Community Service, and Diversity &amp; Inclusion.</td>
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<td>The Brigham Faculty Pillar Awards</td>
<td>This pilot program in the Dept of Emergency Medicine is a physician-driven peer recognition program funded BCRISP and aims to is to leverage social and professional recognition as well as micro incentives to cultivate a culture of collaboration and camaraderie.</td>
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<td><strong>Brigham Health</strong></td>
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<td>Physician Recognition Awards</td>
<td>The BWH Minority Faculty Career Development Award is granted annually to support the development of early-career underrepresented minority academicians.</td>
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Peer initiatives and suggested reading related to perceived gratitude:

- MGH Dept of Medicine: Wall of Gratitude
- Taking Care of Our Caregivers
- One Solution to Physician Burnout: Appreciation
Targeted Interventions

Adapted from the Stanford WellMD Professional Fulfillment Model

- Addressing EHR Burden
- Operational & Workflow Improvement
- Local Department Solutions
- Culture
- Personal Wellbeing
- Professional Development
Targeted Interventions

- Wellbeing Conversations
- B-Well Grant Program
- Professional Development Programs
- EHR Optimization Portfolio
- Job Do-Ability Initiatives
- Female Faculty Network
Wellbeing Conversations

- Sleep
- Work-Life Integration
- EHR Optimization
- Perceived Appreciation
Professional Development

The foundation: Services, resources/referrals, and courses/skill building to support physical, mental & financial health, work-life balance and job doability.

Specialized offerings
- Brigham Leadership Program
- Specialized Coaching

Facilitated peer groups
- Female Faculty
- URM
- Career Phase
- Career Track

Professional Development Mini Courses
- Managing Change
- Virtual Workplace
- Time Mgmt
- Diversity Equity & Inclusion

Series of individual offerings, grouped by theme. Take 1, or take all.

Integrate into mini courses to make wellbeing “mainstream”

By nomination/recommendation, opportunities for mid-to-senior level professional development.

Offers interested physicians/faculty with a shared interest targeted sessions, discussion and community.

Individual Coaching

Cohort 3 – Feb/Mar start
Cohort 4 – Sep start

Series of individual offerings, grouped by theme. Take 1, or take all.

Integrate into mini courses to make wellbeing “mainstream”
EHR Optimization

Driver of Change

Strategic Framework

FY21 Initiatives

Foundational Work

- Upgrade
- Reporting
- Demand Projects
- Enhancements

- New Provider Training

Increased Physician Wellbeing & Job Do-Ability

Improving

- In Basket Optimization
- EPCS¹
- ePA & RTPB²

Optimizing

- Epic 1:1 Support
- Documentation Optimization

Supplementing

- Expand Medical Scribes
- Med Refill Support

¹ EPCS: Electronic Prescribing for Controlled Substances
² ePA: Electronic Prior Authorization; RTPB: Real-Time Pharmacy Benefit
# B-Well MD Grant Program

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• Weekend nurse pager coverage

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  • Job optimization coaching
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Conclusions

• Burnout and professional fulfillment are prevalent among academic medical faculty.
• Prevalence varies with gender and rank.
• Identification of the factors associated with these phenomena can inform targeted interventions to enhance the experiences of academic medical faculty.
Questions and Discussion
Disclosures

No disclosures
Developing an Instrument to Assess Teamwork in Healthcare

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Background

In Taking Action Against Clinician Burnout: A Systems Approach to Professional Well-being, National Academy of Medicine recommended improving interprofessional teamwork to reduce burnout. Previously, in To Err is Human, they attributed 70% of medical errors to faulty communication, coordination, and collaboration. Teamwork has been suggested to be a "core competency" for healthcare professionals, and it is recognized by the AMA Joy in Medicine Health System Recognition Program. Optimal teamwork may improve clinician well-being and access to a safe high-quality patient experience by high-performing professionals (quadruple aim).

Teamwork research has grown in the last decade as described in multiple recent systematic reviews and meta-analysis in the last few years, with many identifiable gaps in our understanding. Among the gaps are clear definitions of teamwork and differentiation between input, process, output in assessment. Previously we reported ineffective teamwork was associated with burnout, we seek to better understand of what is perceived as “optimal teamwork”.

Nam, 2020 ; IOM 1997; Al Jabri 2019; AMA Joy in Medicine Recognition Program; Maynard 2014; Olson 2017; Olson ACPH 2019; AHRQ SAQ TeamSTEPPS, Lencioni 2002; ; Amoroso, 2021; Etherington, 2021; Horlait, 2021;Kuzovlev, 2021;Lapierre, 2020;Malik, 2020; Marks 2001; Maynard, 2015; Schmutz, 2019;Wooding, 2020; Yaqoob Mohammed Al Jabri, 2021; Olson 2017
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Olson K. Why Physician’s Professional Satisfaction Matters to Quality Care. New York, NY: Department of Medicine, Clinical Epidemiology and Health Services Research, Weill Cornell Medicine, Graduate School of Medical Sciences; 2012.

Bohman 2017, Olson 2019
Teamwork Process:

>2=people interdependent abilities and resources adapting in performance episodes

Adapt-Transition (structure. engage.): mission, goals, roles
Monitor-Action (process. empower.): goals, system, team, coordination (results, accountability)
Manage-Interpersonal (culture. belong & believe): conflict, confidence, cognitive constructs/emotions (trust, commitment)
Emergent states.
Aims:

1. Toward an instrument to assess teamwork inclusive of important aspects of the adaptive process, and exclusive of other factors such as antecedent inputs and consequent outputs (eg. quadruple aim, patient care), such that the adaptive teamwork process itself could be isolated and studied across disciplines and settings, intervened upon, assessed in combination with instruments specific to other antecedent factors and consequent outputs of organizational culture, structure, process, performance.

2. Understand teamwork factors associated with perceptions of optimal teamwork.

3. Evaluate how teamwork and teamwork factors are associated with professional wellbeing (professional fulfillment and burnout).
Method:

The teamwork instrument was developed to assess the adaptive process of teamwork, informed by the current understanding of the team process, consensus of themes based on existing teamwork scales in healthcare, influenced by Lencioni’s model of Five Dysfunctional Teams and SAQ TeamSTEPPs (the predominant scale in healthcare), related themes clustered for brevity, without presumed antecedent input factors or consequential outputs, such that the adaptive process of teamwork itself could be measured independently in models across various settings and disciplines. The 20-items were scored on a 5-pt Likert scale of agreement. Associations tested by Pearson’s chi-square and logistic regression (adjusted for age, race, gender, specialty, delivery network). Exploratory factor analysis.

Due to space constraints, a single-item was used to assess “our teamwork is optimal”, on a 5pt Likert scale of agreement.

The PFI (Professional Wellbeing Index) was used to assess professional fulfillment and burnout.
Engaged:

- Our goals are well-aligned in everything we do.
- Our roles, abilities, and scope of work are clear without assumption.
- Decisions about operations are explicit and information is transparent and clearly communicated.

Empowered:

- We maintain a transparent score card of success for which we share responsibility.
- Everyone maintains situational awareness, anticipates and responds to the needs of others.
- Accountability is clear and upheld fairly.
- Members of the clinical team do their job in a way that makes it easier for me to do mine.
- I do my job in a way that makes it easier for others to do theirs.

**Scored** on 5-point Likert scale of agreement (strongly disagree → strongly agree)
Belong and Believe:

- Recognition (good and bad) is fairly distributed, without favoritism or politics.
- Conflict resolution is direct without need for venting, triangulating, or being artificial.
- We collaborate rather than compete.
- No one is reluctant or holds back in offering to assist.
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- Psychological safety exists to address and learn from honest mistakes.
- Questioning attitudes are welcome and all opinions are respectfully considered.

*Scored* on 5-point Likert scale of agreement (strongly disagree ➔ strongly agree)
Other:

• We are adequately staffed to function as a team. (antecedent)
• I am involved in setting expectations for the clinical team. (antecedent)
• I am involved in selecting the people on the clinical team. (antecedent)
• I feel supported by the frontline clinical staff (emergent)

Scored on 5-point Likert scale of agreement (strongly disagree $\rightarrow$ strongly agree)
Results:

Of 7414 medical staff invited to participate, 2317 completed the PFI. Of the 1910 who completed the teamwork assessment, 1172 were attending physicians who were included in the analysis.

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September-October 2020
Covid-19 Pandemic
between first and second wave, during “transformation” to resume operations

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Figure 1: Inclusion Criteria
Of 7404 credentialled medical staff invited, 7 hospitals = 5 delivery networks, 3 practice models, 3 levels of staff. Excluded: GME: residents and fellows, APP: Advanced Practice Providers.
**Summary, next slide.**

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Mean on Likert scale of agreement 1-5. All items statistically related to optimal professional fulfillment, and burnout (Pearson’s chi square p<0.001 for all items). Logistic regression adjusted for age, race, gender, specialty, delivery network to establish associations (OR).

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Optimal Teamwork (single-item)
Interdisciplinary teamwork (with nursing) as assessed by attending physicians, 5pt Likert scale → optimal.
All 20 items were statistically significant in association with optimal teamwork. These had the strongest association.

Engaged:
• Our goals are well-aligned in everything we do. **8.56** (6.58-11.9)
• Our roles, abilities, and scope of work are clear without assumption. **6.25** (4.85-8.05)

Empowered:
• There is mutual support beyond self-interest or judgement. **7.18** (5.41-9.54)
• Everyone maintains situational awareness, anticipates and responds to the needs of others. **5.51** (4.32-7.03)

Belong and Believe:
• We collaborate rather than compete. **5.35** (4.16-6.88)
• No one is reluctant or holds back in offering to assist. **4.68** (3.74-5.85)

Emergent State:
• Members of the clinical team do their job in a way that makes it easier for me to do mine. **4.73** (3.75-5.96)
Professional Fulfillment and Burnout (PFI)

Interdisciplinary teamwork (with nursing) as assessed by attending physicians, 5pt Likert scale (-->optimal).
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Emergent state:

- Members of the clinical team do their job in a way that makes it easier for me to do mine. 2.43 (2.03-2.91)
- I feel supported by the frontline clinical staff 2.25 (1.89-2.73)

Empowered: team monitoring

- Accountability is clear and upheld fairly. 2.25 (1.91-2.65)

Belong and believe: trust, psychological safety

- Psychological safety exists to address and learn from honest mistakes. 2.29 (1.91-2.74)
- Questioning attitudes are welcome and all opinions are respectfully considered. 2.28 (1.91-2.72)
- There is mutual support beyond self-interest or judgement. 2.25 (1.87-2.70)
- Burnout was most associated with recognition (good and bad) is fairly distributed without favoritism or politics, 0.48 (0.41-0.56).
Conclusions:

“Optimal teamwork” was most strongly associated with factors related to clear goals and roles, interdependencies, and being fully engaged in the collaboration.

Professional fulfillment was most strongly associated with the likely emergent state of effective teamwork (feeling supported), and a culture of trust and psychological safety to support vulnerability and openness to constantly learn and adapt (fair accountability, learn from mistakes, ability to differ, etc) – belong and believe.

Burnout was most associated with injustice (unfair recognition – good and bad), which was also significantly related to “optimal teamwork” and professional fulfillment.
Discussion: Teamwork Scale Development

Teamwork composite score including factors determined by EFA with Eigenvalues >1, factor loading >0.6 (= loading on to one factor, eliminating “setting expectations”, “selecting teammates”, “adequate staffing” with factor loading <0.6). **17-items retained.** Avg interitem covariance 0.73. **Cronbach alpha 0.97**, KMO 0.9703. (Using the 2469 sample.) The composite score of optimal teamwork was significantly associated with well-being (OR: PF 3.73, BO 0.31)

- The 3 items eliminated in exploratory factor analysis are likely antecedent factors rather than factors specifically related to the adaptive process of teamwork (establishing team members, expectations, staffing levels), and reasonable to exclude.
- The factor “I feel supported” is likely an emergent state, indicative of effective teamwork. It may be considered for exclusion. Related, the factors regarding whether I and others do jobs to make it easier for the other may be conceptually redundant with factors of “mutual support” and “situational awareness” to assist one another. These may be considered for exclusion.
- Key concepts that may be lacking include whether all goals are oriented to one overarching ‘mission’, ‘system monitoring’ to ensure resources to support the mission and goals within current realities, optimal ‘coordination’ of resources, ‘managing emotions’ (eg. frustration, exhaustion), and providing ‘confidence/motivation’. These will be considered for further scale development.
- The word “clinical” could be removed so the scale can be used more universally across healthcare settings.

(Scale under-development, expect further refinement before complete.)
This model depicts the relationship between culture, practice efficiency, and personal resilience with burnout and professional fulfillment, and between burnout and professional fulfillment, thus the patient experience, high-quality, retention/engagement/cost.1-3

3. Olson K. Why Physician’s Professional Satisfaction Matters to Quality Care. New York, NY: Department of Medicine, Clinical Epidemiology and Health Services Research., Weill Cornell Medicine, Graduate School of Medical Sciences; 2012.
In these times, the healthcare community heals sharing memories, grief, hopes, dreams.

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Stumbling upon Wellness

Pearls and Pitfalls when starting a new division
Wellness Committee

Joseph Diaz MD and Arthi Balu MD
Co-Directors for Wellness
Division of General Internal Medicine
UC San Diego Health
Who we are

• Joseph Diaz
  • Assistant Clinical Professor - 2 yrs
  • .75 cFTE (0.25 admin)
  • San Diego last 5 yrs
  • Surfer dilettante
  • Palm Tree Fanatic

• Arthi Balu
  • Staff physician and Clinician-Educator - 5 yrs
  • 0.875 cFTE (0.125 admin)
  • Former teacher
UCSD Division of General Internal Medicine

- 2 clinic sites
- 30 faculty physicians/Total cFTE = ~21
- Additional division members @ VASDH
- Compensation: salaried + value based incentives
- Outpatient care of patients 18+ years old
Workshop Goals

• Share our experience developing a physician Wellness Committee within an academic medical center

• Use our experience to distill the fundamental steps to starting a physician Wellness Committee

• Learn the common pitfalls that can plague new Wellness Committees

• Leave with a strategic plan to start a Wellness Committee appropriate for your clinical practice
Role of the Wellness Committee

“The purpose of a program on well-being is to assess, develop expertise, coordinate and lead the organization’s efforts related to engagement and professional fulfillment”
Reflect - why are you starting a Wellness Committee?

• Moral-ethical case
• Business case
• Regulatory case
Getting Started

- Decide who you are serving
- Our primary focus - physicians in our university based academic outpatient practice
Assess Needs


Pick One!

Considerations when choosing a survey tool:

• Focus—burnout vs engagement/fulfillment vs mental health
• Validated
• Can compare to national benchmarks
• Anonymous, confidential
• Method of distribution
• Length
• Frequency of administration
• Cost

Maslach Burnout Inventory - Human Services Survey (MBI-HSS) for Medical Personnel
Solicit Leadership Support

• We organized meetings with key leadership (Chief of Primary Care Operations, Division Chief, Clinical Service Chief)

• Used data from our Wellness Survey to make the case for organizational support

• Be clear on what you need to be successful (time/money)
Develop your Team

• We recruited 8-10 physician volunteers to join our Wellness Committee

• Qualities to consider: diverse, engaged, able to commit time and energy
Create a Charter
Review your data!

Using your own definition of “burnout,” please choose one of the numbers below:

- Completely burned out
- Early burnout symptoms
- No burnout

The amount of time I spend on documentation is:

- Excessive
- Moderately high
- Satisfactory
- Modest
- Minimal/none
Use your data to inform your priorities

Institutional/Organizational drivers of burn out

Building Personal Resilience and Community

Image courtesy of ahrq.gov
So what did we do?

- Disseminated Wellness resources
- Created opportunities for socially distanced community building
PHYSICIAN, HEAL THYSELF

Primary care medicine is tough. From the wide array of clinical scenarios that we see on a daily basis to the hectic schedules, EMR demands, COVID-19 uncertainties, late nights documenting, and so on, it is no wonder that our burnout rates are higher than the national average.

We can promote physician wellness with systemic/structural changes or personal/physician-directed changes. Most of us will agree that structural changes are more efficacious in mitigating burnout, and research bears this out. There are many efforts being made to address these systemic issues, such as developing strategies to minimize inbox burdens, but these can be frustratingly slow to come into effect.

In the meantime, we can also find some relief with self-care to help improve wellness. There are numerous strategies out there, from mindful approaches to simple acts when you get feeling down. See if the following strategies work for you:

Physicians: Our burnout rates are high. We can either look within or seek external support. What works for you?

Be well,
-GHM We
Book Club
Wellness Speaker Series

Neil Farber, MD

"Serendipity: Ready, Set, Go! Recognizing and Utilizing Unexpected Events to Enhance Your Career and Life."

Wednesday, February 24th at 12:15 pm
GIM FIRST ANNUAL PEER APPRECIATION

Piglet noticed that even though he had a very small heart, it could hold a rather large amount of gratitude.

- A.A. Milne
“The Friendly Face/Pod Morale Booster”
What about organizational change?

• We became involved in a non face-to-face workgroup with key decision makers in leadership

• Created an on-boarding document to aid new hires

• Advocated for a trial of all 30 minute visits at one of our practice sites

• We are starting to develop a formal mentorship program for our new docs
Peer Support
Text Outreach

Zoom Social Events
Wellness Newsletter
Physician Recognition

Book Club
EMR Workgroup
Advocate for Template Change
Improved On-boarding

Professional Fulfillment
Culture of Wellness
Efficiency of Practice

Personal Resilience

Directory of Wellness Resources
Wellness Speaker Series

Image courtesy of Stanford WellMD
Keep re-evaluating

- Track wellness

- We continue to administer our wellness survey quarterly

- Make time to review/analyze the results of your surveys and re-prioritize your planned initiatives as needed
Using your own definition of burnout...

- Endorses one or more symptoms of burnout: 80
- Minimal or no burnout symptoms endorsed: 40

The amount of time I spend on documentation is...

- Excessive or moderately high: 67.5
- Satisfactory: 22.5
- Modest or minimal/none: 0
Review Additional Markers of Wellness

Volume of Task: MyChart Messages, Pt Call, Rx Auth

- MFS PT (4)
  - Total Tasks per physician per day: 29.10
- MFS FT (2)
  - Total Tasks per physician per day: 18.17
- IM PT (17)
  - Total Tasks per physician per day: 18.04
- IM FT (13)
  - Total Tasks per physician per day: 22.57
- FM PT (28)
  - Total Tasks per physician per day: 12.37
- FM FT (11)
  - Total Tasks per physician per day: 14.16

Legend:
- Volume of Tasks Q4 Total
- Volume of Tasks Q3 Total
- Volume of Tasks Q2 Total
- Volume of Tasks Q1 Total
Network!
Stay Flexible
Reflect

Avoid these 3 common pitfalls!

• Don’t skip over having a charter/concrete goals
• Don’t spread yourself too thin or neglect your own wellness
• Don’t talk yourself into doing everything for free
Can we break this down to the essentials?

5 steps...

1. ________
2. ________
3. ________
4. ________
5. ________
Making your own Strategic Plan

- Small group breakout!
Closing and questions

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Leaders can improve their physicians’ morale through participatory management:

*The Coaching for Engagement Program*

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How you handle supervisory conversations has a bigger impact than you think!
4:30 Review the rationale for participatory management
4:35 Describe our program and results
4:40 Four high-impact participatory management tools: learn, watch, practice
5:20 Costs and benefits of encouraging participatory management in your own setting
Gallup’s 6 questions*
the most important issues to the most engaged employees across industries

- In the last seven days, have I received recognition for good work?
- Does my supervisor, or someone at work, care about me as a person?
- Is there someone at work who encourages my development?
- Do I know what is expected of me at work?
- Do I have the resources I need to do my work right?
- Do I have the opportunity to do what I do best every day?

* Buckingham 2016
Mayo Clinic’s definition of “participatory management”*

My manager—
• Holds career development conversations with me
• Empowers me to do my job
• Encourages me to suggest ideas for improvement
• Treats me with respect and dignity
• Provides helpful feedback and coaching on my performance
• Recognizes me for a job well done
• Keeps me informed about changes taking place here
• Encourages me to develop my talents and skills

* Shanafelt 2015
The *Coaching for Engagement Program*\textsuperscript{*}

Results:

- The department moved towards more participatory management
- Individual physicians felt more engaged with work
- Chiefs felt more engaged and less burned out
- Chiefs felt they had solved some difficult supervisory problems

\textsuperscript{*} Awad, Dill, Schwab 2019
Four high-impact participatory management tools to learn, watch, and practice...
The best* supervisory conversations are:

- EMOTIONALLY CONNECTED
- PSYCHOLOGICALLY SAFE
- EMPOWERING
- OPTIMISTIC

*promote engagement and well-being
The best supervisory conversations are

1. EMOTIONALLY CONNECTED*

WE FEEL POSITIVE AND CARED FOR when the other person--
• Pays full attention to us
• Puts themselves in our shoes

WE FEEL ACTIVELY BAD when the other person acts--
• Disengaged
• Out of sync

QUICK SCRIPT:
To build an emotional connection:

• Be warm
• Listen with full attention to what the other person is experiencing:  
  Ask yourself: *What are they experiencing, and why?*
• Paraphrase what you have heard:  
  *I hear you say your experience is ___ in response to ___* 
  *e.g. I hear you say you feel frustrated by the late add to your schedule*
• Followup questions:
  *What does this mean to you?*
  *What pleased you/upset you the most about this?*
The best supervisory conversations are

2. PSYCHOLOGICALLY SAFE*

WE FEEL SAFE WHEN-

• We know what to expect and have given consent to it
• We are free to think out loud, to speculate, to express ourselves fully
• Where we won’t lose face or be rejected if we ask for help, acknowledge a problem, admit mistakes, seek feedback, or disagree
• There is a baseline assumption of good will

WE FEEL UNSAFE WHEN--

• The purpose and rules of the conversation are ambiguous or unknown
• Or it has been demonstrated that it is not safe to express ourselves

* Garvin and Edmondson 1999, Edmondson and Lei 2014, Duhigg 2017
QUICK SCRIPT:  
To establish psychological safety:

• Set the person at ease by letting them know what to expect from the conversation. Describe:
  
  **purpose** of the conversation

  **roles** you each will take

  **process** you’ll follow
  
  e.g.  *I’d like to talk briefly about covering for Dr X while she’s out, and reach a conclusion about what you can do*
  
  *why don’t you start by telling me your availability, I’ll add what I know, then we can discuss any gaps*

• Don’t argue. **Show curiosity about pushback or negative expression**
The best supervisory conversations are 3. EMPOWERING*

WE ARE EMPOWERED WHEN ALLOWED/ENCOURAGED to-
• choose where to invest ourselves and how
• align with what genuinely rewards us e.g. accomplishment, finding a solution, developing a skill, making a connection etc.

WE ARE DISEMPOWERED/MADE HELPLESS when--
• We are told what to do
• Rewards are external e.g. salary, status, praise, etc.

* Deci and Ryan ongoing, Dill and Gumpert 2012
QUICK SCRIPT: 
ASK, DON’T TELL! Some ways to Empower:

• Encourage self-awareness:  
  (e.g. how are you doing with the new protocol?)

• Encourage self-assessment:  
  (e.g. what did you do, specifically, that worked? What made it work?)

• Encourage choice and self-initiation:  
  (e.g. What would you do differently next time?)

• Encourage identifying intrinsic motivation:  
  (e.g. what would it mean to you to try that out?)

• Encourage identifying resources:  
  e.g. how would you like me to help?)
The best supervisory conversations
4. PROMOTE OPTIMISM:*

• Positive emotional states benefit our functioning in general
• Frequency of positive emotional states is what matters
• We have control over our emotional state, when we change the focus of our attention
• Focusing on positive experiences lifts our mood
• Asking questions helps direct the other person’s attention

* Seligman 2012, Frederickson 2009
QUICK SCRIPT:
focus on positive experiences:

• Reflect back in time:
  (e.g. what went well? What helped you do well?)

• Reflect on today:
  (e.g. what is working now? What’s making it work?)

• Project forward in time:
  (e.g. What might you accomplish this year that would be especially meaningful to you?)
What are the costs and benefits of encouraging participatory management in your own setting?
Thank you!

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