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Finding Your Joy in Practice Again

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Learning Objectives

At the end of this educational activity, participants should be able to:

- Describe factors that may contribute to a decrease in professional joy and how these factors impact patient care and quality.
- List high-level interventions and best practices that may be implemented at an organizational level to engage health care professionals (HCPs) and positively impact their day-to-day practice.
- Identify short- and long-term, evidence-based strategies to help HCPs find joy in their practice again.

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What drives burnout? What are the effects?

Burnout is driven by:

- High work loads
- Workflow inefficiencies
- Increased time spent in documentation
- · Loss of the meaning in work
- Social isolation at work
- Cultural shifts from health values to corporate values

Burnout has repercussions at a personal and professional level

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- 4 Organizational leadership
- 5 Learning environment
- ⁶ Culture of silence

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A Multitude of Factors Affect Clinician Well-Being and Resilience

External Factors

- Rules and regulations
 - Reimbursement environment
- Learning and practice environment – Digital health environment
- Organizational factors

Individual Factors

- Personal factors
- Skills and abilities of the clinician

- Society and culture - Culture of silence
- Stigma and fear of vulnerability
- Health care responsibilities





External Factors

SOCIETY & CULTURE

- Alignment of societal expectation and clinician's role Culture of safety and transparency Discrimination and overt and unconscious bias

Media portrayal

- Patient behaviors and expectations
- Political and economic climates Social determinants of health
- . Stigmatization of mental illness

RULES & REGULATIONS

- Accreditation, high-stakes assessments, and publicized quality ratings
- Documentation and reporting requirements HR policies and compensation issues Initial licensure and certification Insurance company policies

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- National and state policies and practices Reimbursement structure Shifting systems of care and administrative requirements

ORGANIZATIONAL FACTORS

- Bureaucracy Congruent organizational mission and values
- Culture, leadership, and staff engagement Data collection requirements
- Diversity and inclusion
- Harassment and discrimination
- Level of support for all healthcare team members

ORGANIZATIONAL FACTORS

Power dynamics Professional development opportunities

- Scope of practice
- Workload, performance, compensation, and value attributed to work elements

LEARNING/PRACTICE ENVIRONMENT

- Autonomy Collaborative vs. competitive environment
- Curriculum
- Curriculum Health IT interoperability and usability/Electronic health records Learning and practice setting Mentorship program Physical learning and practice conditions Professional relationships Student affairs policies Student centered and patient-centered focur

- Student-centered and patient-centered focus Team structures and functionality
- Workplace safety and violence

HEALTH CARE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Administrative responsibilities Alignment of responsibility and authority
- Clinical responsibilities
- Learning/career stage
- Patient population
- Specialty related issues
- Student/trainee responsibilities
- Teaching and research responsibilities

Individual Factors

PERSONAL FACTORS

- Access to a personal mentor
- Inclusion and connectivity
- Family dynamics
- Financial stressors/economic vitality
- Flexibility and ability to respond to change
- Level of engagement/connection to meaning and purpose in work
- Personality traits
- Personal values, ethics and morals
- Physical mental, and spiritual wellbeing
- Relationships and social support
- Sense of meaning
- Work-life integration

SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Clinical Competency level/experience
- Communication skills
- Coping skills
- Delegation
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- Empathy
- Management and leadership
- Mastering new technologies or proficient use of technology
- Optimizing workflow
- Organizational skills
- Resilience
- Teamwork skills

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Action Collaborative











Systems Approaches to Improve Patient Care by Supporting Clinician Well-Being

A consensus study from the National Academy of Medicine

An ad hoc committee will examine the **scientific evidence** regarding the **causes** of clinician burnout as well as the **consequences for both clinicians and patients**, and **interventions to support clinician wellbeing and resilience**. The committee will examine components of the **clinical training and work environment** that can contribute to clinician burnout in a variety of care settings, as well as **potential systems interventions to mitigate** those outcomes. The committee will identify **promising tools and approaches** to support clinician wellbeing, identify **gaps in the evidence** base, and propose a **research agenda** to address areas of uncertainty.

Project website: <u>https://www8.nationalacademies.org/pa/projectview.aspx?key=HMD-</u> HCS-17-09



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What are the effects of burnout on an organization?

Health professional burnout is a threat to the clinical, financial, and reputational success of an institution for quality, humanitarian, and financial reasons.

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QUALITY

Each 1 point increase in burnout correlates with a 3-10% increase in likelihood of physicians reporting medical errors

HUMANITARIAN

Greater rates of dissatisfaction, divorce, drug and alcohol abuse, and depression

FINANCIAL

Replacement costs <u>per physician</u> costs **between** \$500,000 to \$1 million

* Over \$5 million annually

Three Domains of the Stanford Wellness Framework

Culture of Wellness

 Creation of work environment with a set of normative values, attitudes, and behaviors that promote self care, personal and professional growth, and compassion for colleagues, patients, and self

Efficiency of Practice

• Value added clinical work accomplished divided by the time and energy spent

Personal Resilience

 Set of individual skills, behaviors, and attitudes that contribute to personal physical, emotional, and social well-being, including the prevention of burnout

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Nine steps to help clinicians thrive through organizational changes

Culture of Wellness



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Efficiency of Practice

Improve workflow efficiency and maximize power of team-based care

Reduce clerical burden and tame the EHR

Personal Resilience

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To maintain compassion for others requires nourishing ourselves.





What keeps you full?



Top Evidence-Based Resilience Practices

- Sleep
- Exercise
- Nutrition
- Social Connection
- Control Mind-Wandering

Top Evidence-Based Practices for Happiness

- Kindness to others
- Social Connection
- Time affluence
- Mind control
- Healthy practices (sleep, exercise, nutrition)

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Mind Wandering



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Breathing Exercise



Discussion



<u>Q & A</u>



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A Pragmatic Approach for Organizations to Measure Health Care Professional Well-Being

NAM Discussion Paper

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Table 1 | Characteristics of Pragmatic Approaches

Characteristic

Dimensions of well-being important to stakeholders: Measures domains of well-being or distress prevalent in the population of interest, costly, and challenging

Low organizational burden: Brief, simple to analyze, and low or no cost

Actionable measures: Scores are easy to interpret, have norms or benchmarks, relate to other important outcomes, and lead to a response by organizational leadership

Sensitivity to change: Can be used longitudinally to assess the impact of interventions or changes over time

Psychometrically strong: Validity of the findings

Broadly applicable: Questions are relevant to more than one group of employees (i.e., can be applied to both physicians and nurses within a health system)

External Factors and Work Flow

- Completed:
 - Discussion paper: <u>Care-Centered Clinical</u> <u>Documentation in the Digital</u> <u>Environment</u>: Solutions to Alleviate Burnout"
 - Discussion paper: "<u>A Vision for a Person</u>-Centered Health Information System"
 - Discussion paper: "<u>Implementing</u> <u>Optimal Team-Based Care to Reduce</u> <u>Clinician Burnout</u>"
 - Streamlined suggestions to CMS re. E/M documentation guidelines



Stanford Medicine Harris Poll: The Impact of EHRs

- 71% agree EHRs greatly contribute to burnout
- 69% agree that using an EHR takes valuable time away from interacting with patients
- 59% think EHRs need a complete overhaul
- 8% say the primary value of EHRs is clinical

More time spent in EHR than with patient



31 min

Interacting with patient during visit Interacting with EHR during visit Interacting with EHR outside visit

Stanford Medicine Harris Poll: How Doctors Feel About Electronic Health Records, 2018





Implementing Optimal Team-Based Care to Reduce Clinician Burnout

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Key Features of High Performing Teams

- Mutual trust/psychological safety
- Effective communication
- Clear roles
- Shared, measurable goals

Teamwork and Clinician Well-Being

- Some evidence of an association between high performing teams and improved clinician well-being
- More research is needed to fully understand the relationship between team-based care and clinician well-being

Teamwork and Patient Outcomes

- Studies in various settings (ambulatory, emergency department, nursing home, and hospital based care)
- Correlation between team-based care and improved health care quality



Barriers to Implementing Optimal Team-Based Care to Reduce Clinician Burnout

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- **Regulatory** barriers to team-based care, virtual teams and telehealth
- Lack of uniform **educational requirements & standards** for teambased care and conduct
- **Current payment system** not designed to offset the costs associated with forming, training and sustaining clinical teams
- CMS **regulations and documentation guidelines** do not empower all members of the clinical team to meaningfully participate
- Outdated workflows and current EHR structure that do not support clinical teams

Solutions to Implementing Optimal Team-Based Care to Reduce Clinician Burnout

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- Better align licensing and regulation of health care clinicians with new concepts and standards for team-based care → telehealth and virtual teams
- Prioritize **training & assessment** of clinical team structure & function across the continuum of training
- Better align the payment system with team-based care incentives
- Modernize documentation guidelines to allow for team documentation and to clearly indicate that functions such as medication reconciliation can be performed by team members*
- **Re-imagine EHR operability and workflows** based on most successful team based care models available*

Working with CMS Excessive documentation requirements have made it difficult for physicians and other health care professionals to locate important information about the patient's current condition, recent changes and the plan of care in the medical record. Difficulty locating information can impact patient care. How to better align E/M coding and documentation with the current practice of medicine and how to account for the impact of the use of EHRs on documentation requirements

























Resources



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