

Well-being and Burnout

Take charge of your well-being.



Burnout is common

- Burnout affects over 50% physicians¹
- From 2011 to 2014 burnout rates among physicians increased by 10%

What is burnout?

 Feelings of emotional exhaustion, depersonalization, and a decreased sense of personal accomplishment that leads to decreased effectiveness at work.²

Reasons to address burnout

- Burnout affects patient care: Burnout influences quality of care, patient safety, patient satisfaction, and other factors.³
- Burnout impacts the Workforce: Increased turnover and early retirement among physicians has been linked to burnout.⁴
- Burnout overlaps with mental health in some people: There is an unclear but important relationship between burnout and physician depression/suicide.⁴

More information

• Visit psychiatry.org/wellbeing

Best Practices for Employed Psychiatrists include 3 key domains of physician well-being⁵

• Culture of Wellness in the Workplace

Elements include: a sense of community, open communication with leadership, plan for staff retention

• Optimal Workflows

Elements include: realistic productivity measures, realistic documentation requirements, assistance with administrative burdens, reasonable physician autonomy, adequate administrative time to support clinical volume.

• Support of Personal Resilience Strategies

Examples include: Employee assistance benefits including access to mental health services; Time for vacation, illness, and adequate CME; Education on strategies to promote well-being and resilience; Promote work-life balance.

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