

PHYSICIAN HEALTH, WELLBEING AND BURNOUT

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OBJECTIVES & AGENDA

- Identify motivation to address the **health, wellbeing and burnout** in family physicians
- Describe factors that **prevent, protect and are proven** to work to attain and maintain health
- **Consider the human drivers and barriers** to implementing change
- Recognize the **individual, organizational and systemic changes** that warrant implementation
- Describe how **embracing shared human values** and **collaborative care** will ultimately **transform the culture of medicine**

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MEDICAL PRACTICE WILL ALWAYS BE STRESSFUL

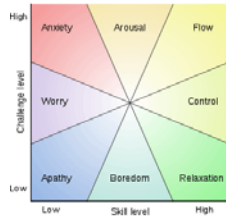
- We treat people in their most vulnerable of states. They are sick, dying, struggling and scared along with their families
- And we are human we feel along with our patients this is what makes us good at or jobs and can cause us suffering too
- High Responsibility + Low Control = STRESS
- Our work requires self-sacrifice, performance under pressure
- Under strain, feeling a lack of cognitive flexibility, under resourced and unsupported, the same qualities that we hold as strengths engender stress: hard working, perfectionistic, competitiveness, performance driven, independent, self-directed, motivated and value driven.

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE HEALTHY AND WELL?

1984 WHO [World Health Organization](#) revised the definition of health defined it as "the extent to which an individual or group is able to realize aspirations and **satisfy needs and to change or cope** with the environment. Health is a resource for everyday life, not the objective of living; it is a **positive concept, emphasizing social and personal resources, as well as physical capacities**".

Mental, intellectual, emotional and social health referred to a person's ability to handle stress, to acquire skills, to maintain relationships, all of which form **resources for resiliency** and living.



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A CULTURE OF STRESS



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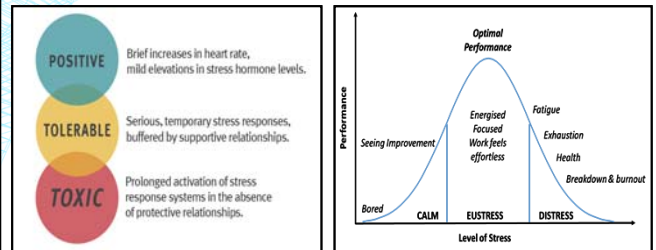
What are the sources of stress in our work lives?



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STRESS: THE GOOD, BAD AND UGLY

Long-term exposure to high work stress can result in burnout



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TERMINOLOGY

Stress is an adaptive response to external stimuli and situations and they result in physical, cognitive and emotional changes. Stress requires a change or deviation from what would be ones normal way of functioning or typical response.

Burnout has 3 dimensions as measured by the Maslach Burnout Inventory: **1) feelings of energy depletion or exhaustion; increased mental distance from one's job, or feelings of negativism or cynicism related to one's job; and 3) reduced professional efficacy/ reduced feelings of work-related personal accomplishment.**

Depression persistently diminished mood, loss of motivation, feelings of guilt or worthlessness, social(2) i isolation, changes in relationships, Life interfering anxiety symptoms, Use of alcohol, non-prescribed medications, illicit substances, Sustained decline in function, Changes in eating patterns or weight loss/gain, SI or self-har

Compassion fatigue State of exhaustion and dysfunction (biologically, psychologically, and socially) as a result of prolonged exposure to secondary trauma or a single intensive event Helplessness Feeling incapable of effecting successful patient outcomes Confusion Isolation Exhaustion Feeling of being overwhelmed by work

Empathic Distress A strong aversive self-oriented response to others suffering accompanied by the desire to withdraw to protect oneself from intense negative feelings

Secondary vicarious trauma Guilt Loss of confidence Trouble sleeping Difficulty enjoying leisure activities and daily life Depression Worry about reputation ~PTSD Shame Feelings of inadequacy Difficulty concentrating Declining clinical judgment Avoidance of some procedures Helo S & Moulton CE, *Transl Anesth Unit*, 2017

PTSD: Hyperarousal: disturbed sleep, irritability, outbursts of anger, hypervigilance **Avoidance:** avoid thoughts, places, people, feelings, and conversations **Reexperiencing:** intrusive thoughts, dreams, psychological or physiological

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FREUDENBERGER'S 12 PHASES OF BURNOUT

1. The prove yourself compulsion
2. Working harder
3. Neglecting one's needs
4. Displacement of conflict
5. Revision of values
6. Denial of emerging problems
7. Withdrawal
8. Obvious behavioral changes
9. Depersonalization
10. Inner emptiness
11. Depression
12. Burnout Syndrome

How can you recognize when you are burning out?

When our energy accounts drop into negative balance, most physicians react by going into "survival mode" at work. Instead of finding adventure, challenge, and enjoyment in your practice, you find yourself putting your head down and simply churning through the patients and paperwork, focused on simply making it through the day and getting back home. A common thought at this point is, "I am not sure how much longer I can go on like this." Survival mode and this voice in your head are signs that you are well into burnout's downward spiral. It is time to take different actions to lower stress and get some meaningful energy deposits ASAP.

Dr. Drummond "The Happy MD"

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THRIVING VERSUS SURVIVING

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CFPC BURNOUT E-PANEL 01/2019

Category	Percentage
Burnout	70%
Anxiety	49%
Depression	28%
Increased substance use	12%
Avoidance of people	29%
None	20%

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“THE PROBLEM GOES BEYOND ANY INDIVIDUAL’S ABILITY TO COPE”

CMA 2018 SURVEY

- 1/3 to 1/2 of Canadian physicians experience burnout regardless of location or specialty
- one in three experience symptoms of burnout on a weekly basis characterized and measured by so and so 1st described maslach WEST ET AL
- nearly 1 in 10 have thought about suicide in the past year
- Of the 2547 physicians and 400 medical residents surveyed, 30% reported high levels of burnout,
- 44% of physicians who were experiencing burnout intended to discontinue their practice within 4 years
- Thirty-four percent met criteria for depression

<http://www.cma.ca/content/138/7/13/1311> <https://cmaa.ca/2018/02/11/over-30-percent-of-doctors-report-high-levels-of-burnout-finds-cma-survey-cma-109-5674/>
www.cma.ca

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Burnout is... A normal response to abnormal amounts of stress

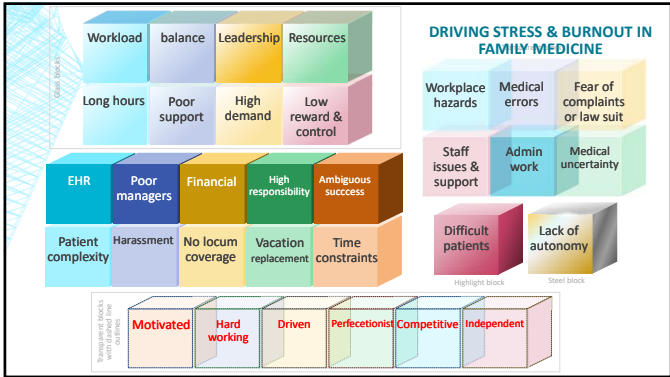
Burnout is not: a flaw, weakness, character or skill deficit or fault of an individual

read that again please

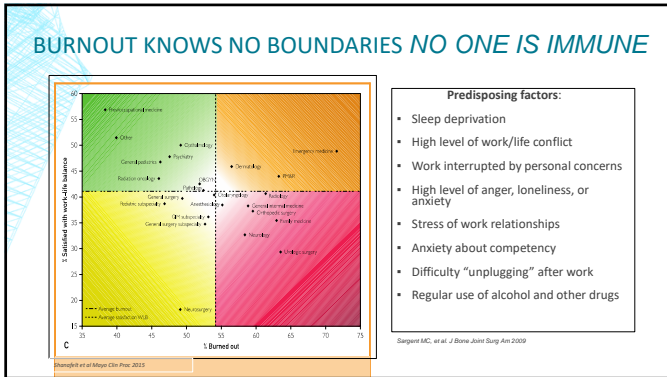
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Category	Individual Factors	Work Unit Factors	Organization Factors	Regional Factors
Workload	• Excessive work hours • Inadequate rest and recovery • Inadequate sleep	• High patient volume • High acuity • High complexity • High variability • High uncertainty	• High patient volume • High acuity • High complexity • High variability • High uncertainty	• High patient volume • High acuity • High complexity • High variability • High uncertainty
Resources	• Inadequate staff • Inadequate equipment • Inadequate supplies	• Inadequate staff • Inadequate equipment • Inadequate supplies	• Inadequate staff • Inadequate equipment • Inadequate supplies	• Inadequate staff • Inadequate equipment • Inadequate supplies
Leadership	• Poor communication • Poor support • Poor feedback	• Poor communication • Poor support • Poor feedback	• Poor communication • Poor support • Poor feedback	• Poor communication • Poor support • Poor feedback
Financial	• Inadequate compensation • Inadequate benefits	• Inadequate compensation • Inadequate benefits	• Inadequate compensation • Inadequate benefits	• Inadequate compensation • Inadequate benefits
High responsibility	• High responsibility • High accountability	• High responsibility • High accountability	• High responsibility • High accountability	• High responsibility • High accountability
Ambiguous success	• Ambiguous success • Ambiguous feedback	• Ambiguous success • Ambiguous feedback	• Ambiguous success • Ambiguous feedback	• Ambiguous success • Ambiguous feedback
Time constraints	• Time constraints • Time pressure	• Time constraints • Time pressure	• Time constraints • Time pressure	• Time constraints • Time pressure
Harassment	• Harassment • Bullying	• Harassment • Bullying	• Harassment • Bullying	• Harassment • Bullying
No locum coverage	• No locum coverage • No backup	• No locum coverage • No backup	• No locum coverage • No backup	• No locum coverage • No backup
Vacation replacement	• No vacation replacement • No time off	• No vacation replacement • No time off	• No vacation replacement • No time off	• No vacation replacement • No time off
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BURNOUT IS BAD FOR LEARNING AND FOR STUDENTS

Care
Character
Conscience
Communication
Courage
Competency
Contribution
Collaboration
Conscience
Compassion

In residents, studies show burnout rates of **41-90%**

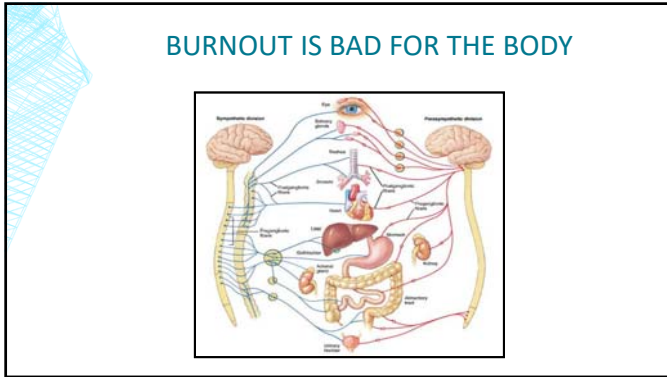
Levels rise quickly within the first few months of residency

ACGME work hour changes do not appear to have improved sleep, burnout, depression symptoms or errors

Resident distress (e.g. burnout and depression) associated with **perceived medical errors and poorer patient care**

West, CP et al. JAMA 2006; Owan et al. JAMA 2013; Sun, S. JAMA Intern Med 2013

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BURNOUT IS BAD FOR THE BRAIN

Survival Mode: Flight/Fight/Freeze

Frontal lobe (Prefrontal cortex) goes offline
Limbic system / mind and lower brain functions take over

Learning/Thinking Brain (Prefrontal Cortex)

Limbic System

Emotional Midbrain

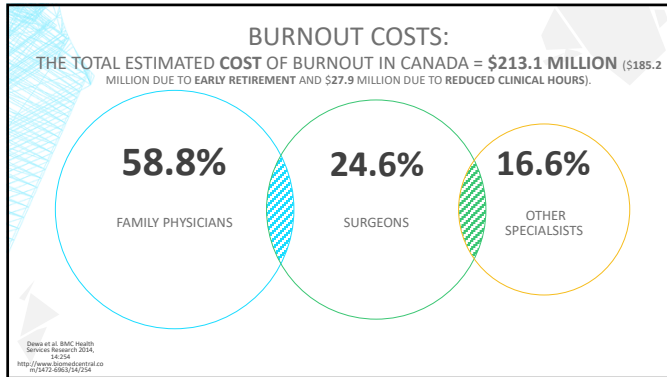
- When traumatized or when we hit cumulative stress overwhelm
- The midbrain (amygdala) is imprinted
- With threatening and benign data
- The alarm is then set and
- Triggered by any trauma reminder
- Causing a fight, flight or freeze reflex

Midbrain: <http://www.psychtherapycenter.com/learn/your-brain-the-amygdala-01-19-18/>

Video # 5 on the Midbrain - 11 min. <http://www.psychtherapycenter.com/learn/amygdala-01-19-18/>

PTSD Symptoms: <http://www.psychtherapycenter.com/learn/trauma-01-19-18/>

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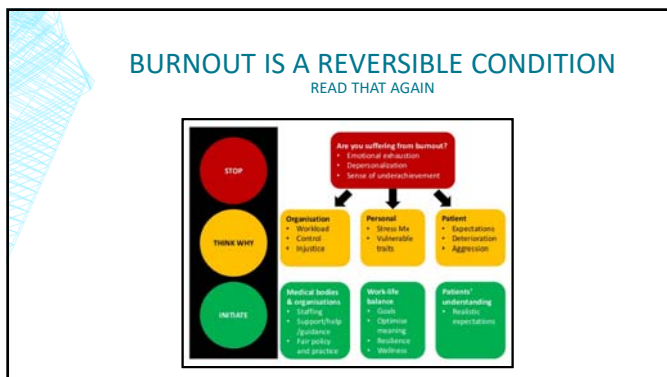


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WHAT COSTS ARE WE NOT CONSIDERING... THE HARM WE DON'T INTEND

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unpaid work of kind, committed people Unpaid work of family/friend caregivers Low paid work of 1st responders, group home workers and PCW's. The individual & system costs of more medical errors The cost of ignoring conflict management The cost of ignoring hc provider health & burnout The cost of compromising the therapeutic relationship by replacing Fdr. with tech ? The cost of not providing easy access to episodic care for unattached patients & those with access issues The cost of mistrust. Patients thus seek more care (office, ER & walk-in visits) Medical errors, loss of QOL & lives lost 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The cost of attrition of providers The cost of replacing providers that leave The cost of placing providers in positions where lack of resources require them to practice beyond their scope The cost of having specialists patching through family medical care for those without The cost to family doctors as they carry more burden of administration due to systemic restraints and policies The cost of denying a crisis that everyone knows is here The cost of neglecting consideration for vulnerable groups that have no say in the evolution of collaboration The cost to our families, community, society Cost to future generations
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- ### INTERVENTIONS THAT HAVE SHOWN EFFICACY FOR INDIVIDUAL LEVEL CHANGE
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self care Mindfulness Building resilience Creative Art therapy CBT Team based interventions Counselling Mindful communication Relaxation techniques Boundary setting Managing conflict training | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stress reduction training Breathing and relaxation techniques Exercise programs Reduced work load Control over schedule Practice management training Interpersonal skills training to increase social support Physician patient communication Clinical meaningful work Mindful Meditation therapy Psychotherapy Psychoeducation |
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WELLBEING INTERVENTIONS: AN EVIDENCE-BASED FRAMEWORK

<p>1. Educate and increase Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using these slides! Create a Speaker's Bureau <p>2. Designate Time for Reflection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groups, debrief protocols <p>3. Teach Practical Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mindfulness, CBT, exercise <p>4. Build Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diversity Mentoring and coaching programs Opportunities to socialize at work 	<p>5. Ensure Access to Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confidential, easy to access, available both during and after work hours 24-hour emergency phone line Online resources with screening tools for burnout, depression and suicide <p>6. Improve Workplace Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review workloads and schedules with physician input, autonomy, flexibility Adequate staffing to reduce admin/clerical tasks for physicians Personnel optimized to work at top of licenses in most meaningful work <p>7. Transform Institutional Culture</p>
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FRAMEWORK OF INTERVENTIONS & WELL-BEING INITIATIVES

Key components of Well-Being Initiatives	Stage of Intervention		
	Preliminary	Intermediate	Advanced
1. Educate and Increase Awareness	Presentations at employee orientation and regularly planned didactics and workshops	Institutional website that includes online modules and links to well-being resources	Established Speaker's Bureau and curriculum including interdepartmental Grand Rounds
2. Designate Time for Reflection	Voluntary groups led by peers as needed (e.g. debrief protocols for central events)	Structured, regularly scheduled groups with consistent membership and expert facilitation	Policies for flexible work scheduling and regularly planned days off for well-being
3. Teach Practical Skills	Health-oriented classes available in the community (e.g. yoga, gym, etc.)	Facilitated evidence-based workshop to teach mindfulness and CBT skills	Designated time and specified availability for skills groups and physical exercise classes
4. Build Community	Recurring social events and shared community resources (e.g. childcare)	Structured mentorship and professional development programs (e.g. peer-to-peer coaching)	Department led team-building activities and funded annual retreats
5. Ensure Access to Care	Employee health insurance that appropriately covers mental health benefits	Internal mental health service that provides referrals to the community	In-house, fully staffed mental health services, including short-term free services and 24/7 crisis support
6. Improve Workplace Environment	Health information technology updated to improve user experience, with regular feedback	Physical infrastructure with shared spaces conducive to collaboration and team building	Personnel optimized to work at top of licenses in most meaningful work (e.g. task shifting)
7. Transform Institutional Culture	Institutional wellbeing committee established with broad member input	Department chairs and executive leadership engaged in culture of well-being	Innovative policies to maintain wellbeing (e.g. sick coverage, parental leave)

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KEY FOR THE INDIVIDUAL LIES IN LEVERAGING THE SCIENCE BEHIND RESILIENCE, OPTIMISM, RELATIONSHIP AND NEUROPLASTICITY...

NEUROPLASTICITY CAN RESULT FROM:

Traumatic Events

Stress

Social Interaction

Meditation

Emotions

Learning

Paying Attention

Diet

Exercise

New Experiences

RESILIENCE

GOAL SETTING

REALISTIC

PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS

ABILITY TO RECOGNISE THEIR OWN EMOTIONS and those of others

SOCIAL SKILLS AND ABILITY TO SEEK HELP FROM OTHERS

SELF-ESTEEM

LEARNING FROM MISTAKES

UNDERSTANDING OF ONE'S STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

ACCEPTANCE

WILLINGNESS TO OVERCOME DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN WHAT IS AND WHAT SHOULD BE

OPTIMISTIC THINKING PATTERNS

SELF-CONTROL

AVOID PROBLEMS

<http://www.wellthinc.ca/entries/leveraging-the-science-of-habits-in-medications/>

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THE RESILIENT DOCTOR

Personal characteristics

Humour, 'bounce back', adaptability, optimism, confidence, or organisation, flexibility, tolerance, using professional boundaries, teamwork, sense of self-worth

Workplace characteristics

Strong management support, team culture, a secure base, buffering capacity, time for reflection

Social network

Family/social support, leisure time, interests, sociality, work

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Resilient health professional

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Challenges

Workload, time pressures, lack of communication, information overload, challenging patients, rural environment

By Glen Press, 2016. doi:10.4081/ijsp.15

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WHAT IS RESILIENCE ?

re-sil-i-ence *noun* \ri-'zil-yən(t)s\

: the ability to become strong, healthy, or successful again after something bad happens

: the ability of something to return to its original shape after it has been pulled, stretched, pressed, bent, etc.

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WHAT FOSTERS RESILIENCE?



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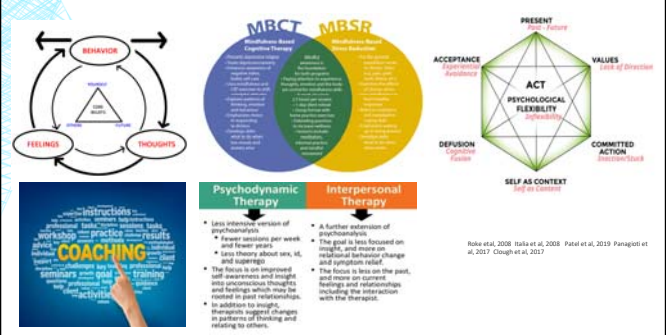
HOW DO WE BUILD RESILIENCE ?

- Hobbies outside medicine
- Humor
- Realistic recognition (Overcoming denial/culture)
- Exercise, sleep, nutrition
- Supportive professional relationships
- Boundaries
- Time away from work
- Passion for one's work
- Supportive personal relationships
- Practicing mindfulness
- Focusing on positive emotions like gratitude and optimism

Dweitz, J et al. 2009

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RESILIENCE THROUGH THERAPY



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RESILIENCE THROUGH SELF CARE

Physicians who self-care are healthier, are more "well", make patients more satisfied with care and do a better job of caring including make less errors. Shanafelt TD et al. JAMA Int Med. 2017

Family time, friends, eating well Lee 2008

Exercise Weight et al

Work life balance Shanafelt et al 2015

self management, prioritizing needs, attending to self care McCue et al

Art & Play tx Italia et al 2008

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RESILIENCE THROUGH MINDFULNESS

From Mindfulness: Attitudinal Factors that promote healing and wellbeing:

- Non-judging:** being an impartial witness to your own experience. Things just are. They are neither good nor bad.
- Patience:** for the wisdom as all things unfold with time.
- Beginner's Mind:** As if seeing it for the first time
- Trust:** in the inner wisdom of our feelings and body.
- Non-striving:** Grasping, wanting, goal directed e.g., "fix-it"
- Acceptance:** Not fighting but allowing things to be as they are so we can choose what's healthiest
- Letting go:** Changing our attachment to things having to be a certain way, usually ideal or perfect.

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RESILIENCE THROUGH MEDITATION

The Mindful Brain – Physiology

Overall chain of brain processes during passive meditation

Less aware of environment and less aware of space and time

Attention association area

Thalamus

Orientation association area

Midbrain

Amygdala

Hippocampus

Activated - Assign emotional significance to our experiences - modify activity of nervous system

Changes in limbic system leads to modified activity of the autonomic nervous system (Finn 2016)

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BENEFITS OF MEDITATION

- Decreases anxiety and increases empathy (Kornhuber et al, 2013)
- Improves self-regulation, reduces stress, burnout symptoms, improves emotional wellbeing, patient care skills and productivity (Luberto et al, 2017; Vermeij et al)
- Feasible, fewer burnout symptoms, increased work engagement and well-being, increased compassion towards self, other and patients (Worley et al, 2016)
- Decreased stress and burnout symptoms (Frohne-Hagemeyer, 2011; Kravner et al, 2009)
- Decreased Stress and increased mindfulness skills (Phiggeant et al)
- Reduces stress and promote self care behaviors (Luberto, 2016; 1982, 1983)
- Enhanced self care, integrated pause mindful moments into work day, decreased rumination, reduced stress in patient interactions, enhanced communications skills, improved team communication (Civillano-Rios et al 2018)
- Decreased emotional exhaustion (Dipina et al)
- Improves efficacy in counselling skills (Finn 2000)

A way of being and it can also be taught as skillful means to center

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RESILIENCE THROUGH OPTIMISM

Pessimist

Optimist

Benefits

- Good Health and Motivation
- Lack of fear.
- High Self-Esteem.
- Feeling of everything is going well.
- People like to be with you.

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RESILIENCE THROUGH LEARNED OPTIMISM

NATIONAL BESTSELLER

LEARNED OPTIMISM

How to Change Your Mind and Your Life

READ BY THE AUTHOR

MARTIN E. P. SELIGMAN, PH.D.
Author of *Learned Helplessness*

"Life inflicts the same setbacks and tragedies on the optimist as on the pessimist, but the optimist weathers them better." (Seligman, 2006: 312)

Seligman & Garber, 1980; Maier & Seligman, 2016 According to Seligman's explanatory style definition, **"The basis of optimism does not lie in positive phrases or images of victory, but in the way you think about causes"** (Seligman, 2007: 52) optimist people self care better According to Seligman's explanatory style definition, Optimistic individuals also tend to be more aware of their health status and how to stay that way.

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OPTIMISM & RESILIENCE THROUGH GRATITUDE & APPRECIATION, KIND DEEDS & CHALLENGING BELIEFS

HOW TO CHALLENGE COGNITIVE DISTORTIONS

- How do I know if this thought is accurate?
- What evidence do I have to support this thought or belief?
- How can I test my assumptions, beliefs or find out if they're accurate?
- Do I have a trusted friend who I can check out these thoughts with?
- Is this thought helpful?
- Are there other ways that I can think about this situation or issue?
- Am I thinking myself unreasonably?
- What or who else contributed to this situation?
- Is it really my fault?
- Am I overgeneralizing?
- Am I making assumptions?
- What would I say to a friend in this situation?
- Can I look for "shades of gray"?
- Am I assuming the worst?
- Am I holding myself to an unreasonable or double standard?
- Are there exceptions to these absolute (always, never)?
- Am I treating this personal when it isn't?





OPTIMISM HAS BEEN LINKED TO subjective career success, with higher career adaptability and with better coping skills and team work

Worath et al. Spurr et al., 2015; Treviño et al., 2014

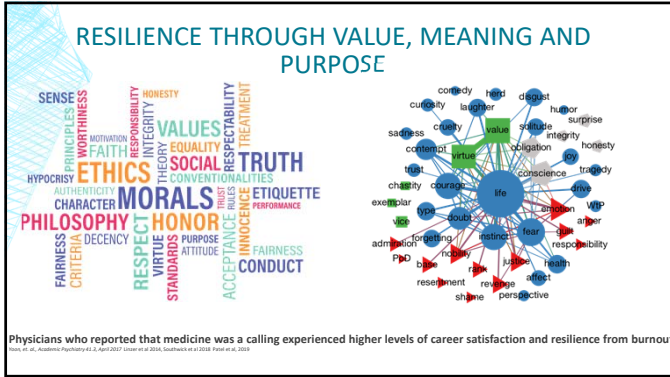
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OPTIMISM FOR LEADERS & MANAGERS

"At work, optimism has been linked to intrinsic motivation to work harder, endure during stressful circumstances, and show more goal-focused behavior" (Luthans, 2003).

Optimism is an important contributor to employees' well-being, it has been linked to improved overall happiness in the workplace, task-orientation, solution-focused approaches, perseverance, and decision-making efficacy (Strutton & Lumpkin, 1992; Normal et al., 1995; Podsakoff & MacKenzie, 1997; Choik Foong Loke, 2001; Harter et al., 2003; Gavin & Mason, 2004).

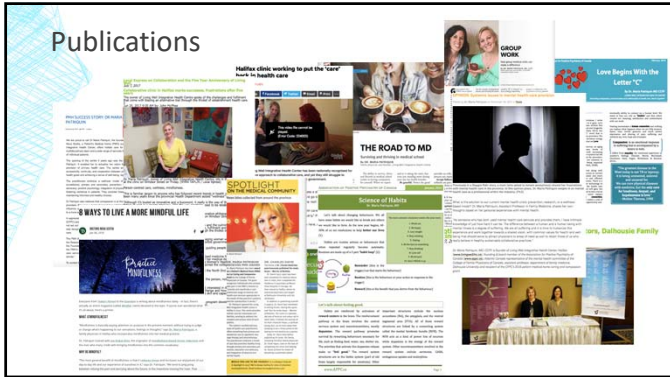
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RESILIENCE & MEANING THROUGH COMPASSION


From latin "co-suffering"
Awareness and understanding of the suffering of another accompanied by the desire to help

- Increases wellbeing
- Increases adherence to treatment
- Lower rate of burnout in physicians
- More meaning in work
- Decreases negative emotions
- Decreased anxiety and stress
- Better HbA1C levels
- Lowered LDL levels
- Better follow through and adherence to treatment plans
- Better follow up of chronic disease

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THE VALUE OF EMPATHY

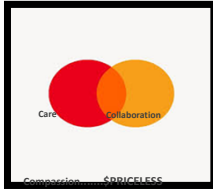
- Positive emotions
- Increased awareness
- Greater sense of social support
- More purpose
- Greater life satisfaction
- Fewer illness and depression symptoms



ACCELERATED HEALING
ENHANCED IMMUNE FUNCTION
DECREASED INFLAMMATORY MARKERS

THE COST OF HEALTH

Office Visit	\$ 31.46
Flu vaccine	\$ 14.52
Tray fee	\$ 3.63
Geriatric Office Visit	\$ 39.93
Pap Smear	\$ 21.00
Counseling 30 min.....	\$ 25.4MSU



Compassion..... **PRICELESS**

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THE BENEFITS OF COMPASSION: ENABLING & ENGAGING PATIENTS PHYSICIANS

- Greater sense of social support
- Greater life satisfaction
- Fewer symptoms
- Positive emotions
- Increased awareness
- Greater sense of social support
- More purpose
- Greater life satisfaction
- Fewer illness and depression symptoms

Lower rate of burnout in physicians
More meaning in work
Decreases negative emotions
Decreased anxiety and stress
Increased resilience
Decrease vicarious traumatization

Compassion Satisfaction:
Positive sentiment the provider experiences when able to empathetically connect and feel a sense of achievement in the care-providing process
Positive reinforcement with patient's improve and belief that provider has made a positive impact
Emotionally fulfilled by one's work in the "human service fields"

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SELF-COMPASSION IS CRITICAL TO OUR CARE:

Self-compassion is when we notice our own suffering and respond to it with kindness and care. At this time of reform this is more relevant than ever.

It is critical to living and **working healthy** as physicians. **Doctors suffer as humans** and also experience vicarious trauma when caring for patients.

Critical to being able to have **clarity** and see patients for who they are otherwise we run the risk of projecting, stereotyping, making mistakes, crossing boundaries which are neither healthy for ourselves or patients.

Holding others pain is a **privilege** and its important to show up for that experience having cared for ourselves this **enables** us to be more compassionate of others.

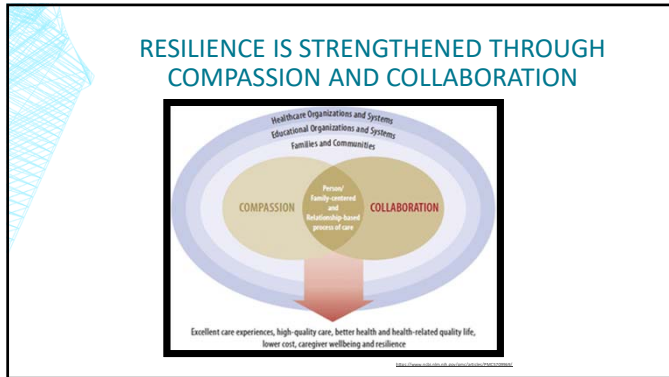
Understanding and sharing life's joys, sorrows, failures, imperfections and suffering connects us. **Holding our shared sense of humanity is healing.**

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"COMPASSION IS THE CORNERSTONE OF THE THERAPEUTIC RELATIONSHIP AND THE ANTIDOTE TO BURNOUT"

https://www.cfpca.com/content/63/4/306_full

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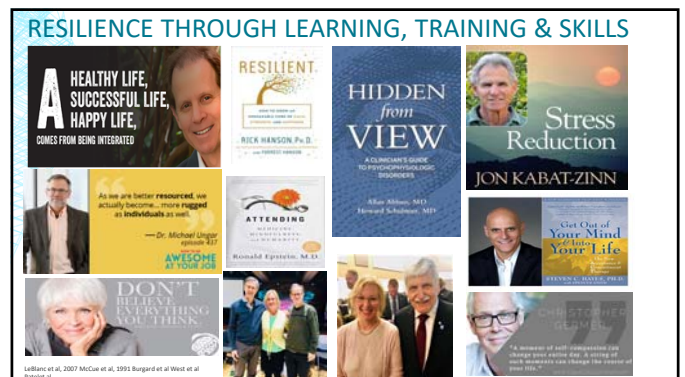
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“THROUGH A COMPASSIONATE LENS, CIRCUMSTANCES, ILLNESS, BEHAVIORS AND PEOPLE ARE NOT WHAT THEY ONCE SEEMED. THEY BECOME HUMANS STRUGGLING TO COMMUNICATE THEIR NEEDS.”

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DR. MARIA PATRIQUIN STRESS REDUCTION CLASS

What is a stressor and how does it affect the body? "Stress" is a psychological process. "Stressors" are any events that are perceived as threatening to someone's health, and lead to an individual's perception of being "overwhelmed". They can be all experiences called "stress" in our lives and are all responses to the physical "influence of the mind on the body". We know the mind is the soul and "just" stress affects our health and the way of living. What if we can change that?

Mindfulness helps us see all things in new ways and to embrace all we are with more compassion, less struggle and isolation. I could not see all the changes we are able to change the way we respond to life's challenges. What if we were able to respond in the presence of anxiety with greater flexibility, greater ability, skill, more respect and compassion. What if we did "walk the walk" and "talk the talk" but were more the thinking and breathing in that we had with our self and the satisfaction?

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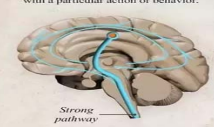
Positive Psychiatry, Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR), CBT, Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), Emotion Focused Therapy (EFT), Psychodynamic (ISTDP), Non-Violent Communication (NVC), Trauma Informed Care & Trauma Focused Therapy (TIC/TF)

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MESS WITH YOUR MIND RATHER THAN IT MESS WITH YOU LEVERAGE OUR ABILITY TO LEARN NEW

Pathways


Neural pathways connect relatively distant areas of the brain or nervous system, each pathway is associated with a particular action or behavior.



Strong pathway

Every time we think, feel or do something, we strengthen this pathway. Habits are well travelled pathways – our brain finds these things easy to do.

Neuroplasticity



New thoughts and skills carve out new pathways.

Repetition and practice strengthen these pathways, forming new habits.

Old pathways get used less and weaker.

With repeated and direct attention towards a desired change, we all have the ability to rewire our brains.

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SMALL THINGS THAT MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

KEEP CALM AND PRACTICE SELF-CARE

courtesy understanding
humanity literature
decency students kindness
learn teach
tolerance
equity graciousness
unselfishness compassion

WRITE GOOD STUFF DOWN

Write down the things that make you happy. As the end of the day, list down the things that make you sad. That may be the secret to success, the secret of a "good night" sleep. The best of things come from your mind. It's a good idea to write it down and write it off your mind. It's a good idea to write it down. Remember, "what you create you see." This exercise can help you remember the positive thoughts in your thoughts and actions.



choose OPTIMISM

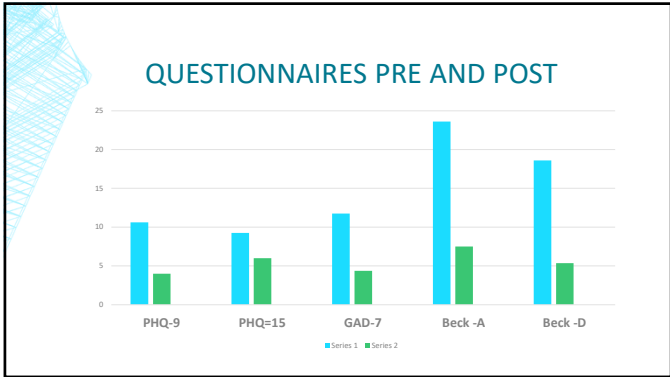
HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

MEANING & PURPOSE

Nonviolent COMMUNICATION
A Language of Life




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POSITIVE OUTCOMES

- Reduced overall perceived stress
- Anxiety, depressive & somatising symptoms improved
- Self awareness & Self management ability increased
- Acquired valuable coping Skills & tools
- Improved communication at work and home
- Improved ability to retain self-care practices
- Emotional regulation
- Clearer boundaries
- Better work habits
- Increased distress tolerance
- More creative expression
- Improvement in managing stress
- Feeling of belonging and community
- Improved sense of self worth
- Better quality of life & subjective happiness
- Feel like I can be me (strengthened personal values like authenticity, integrity, openness)
- People describe feeling whole again
- People describe feeling deeply connected to people they barely know and are filled with a sense of belonging



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THESE HAVE BEEN REPLICABLE & ENDURING EFFECTS OF OTHER GROUPS AND PROGRAMS



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RESILIENCE THRIVES IN ALLIANCE

THE WHITE COAT HIERARCHY OF PERCEIVED IMPORTANCE



Allied health may be defined as those health professions that are distinct from medicine and nursing. <http://www.scabn.org/what-is/>

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COLLABORATIVE CARE CAN HELP US ADDRESS THE BURNOUT CRISIS: THE CASE FOR THE PMH

The World Health Organization defines collaborative practice in health-care as occurring “when multiple health workers from different professional backgrounds provide comprehensive services by working with patients, their families, careers and communities to deliver the highest quality of care across settings,” and inter professional education as occurring “when two or more professions learn about, from and with each other to enable effective collaboration and improve health outcomes.”



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“WITH A FULL COLLABORATIVE CONSTITUTION OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WE CAN DRAW UPON A HUGE SOURCE OF WISDOM AND EXPERTISE. THIS STANDS TO SERVE PATIENTS, PROVIDERS, SYSTEMS AND INSTITUTIONS. THIS COULD HELP SOLVE BURNOUT & OUR CARE CRISIS”



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RESILIENCE & COLLABORATION THROUGH TEAM BUILDING

- [Person Centered Care](#)
- [Role Clarification](#)
- [Team Functioning](#)
- [Collaborative Leadership](#)
- [Interprofessional Communication](#)
- [Interprofessional Conflict Resolution](#)
- [National Interprofessional Competency Framework](#)



Canadian Interprofessional Health Collaborative (CIHC) Feb. 2010

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COMMUNICATION

VERBAL

Language, Meaning & Tone (Attitude)

Consider labels...

- The “Frequent flyer”
- The “difficult” patient (15-30% of interactions)
- The “Borderline”
- The “Sensitive patient”
- The “Personality”
- The “Non-compliant”
- The “Self-sabotage”
- The “Hysterical”
- The “Medically Unexplained symptoms/syndromes”



COMMUNICATION

NON-VERBAL

Body Language, Environment


- Wait area. Seating, space, entrance/exits, privacy. Is there enough? Are there safe spaces?
- Posters, literature and self- help resources. Informative? Provides opportunity to open safe conversations
- Magazines and other typical waiting room reading.
- Radio, news, or soothing music?
- Support staff, flow, accessibility.
- Communication with other providers staff, providers (SBAR, NVC). Define clear roles etc. in circle of care. Kraemer 2009 Patel et al, 2009 Moss et al, 2014

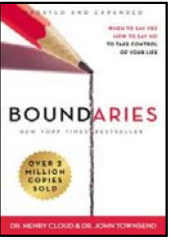
Boundaries
Space
Posture /Pose
Eye contact
Touch /Not touching

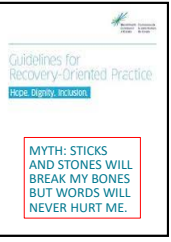
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RESILIENCE THROUGH HEALTHY COMMUNICATION

CLEAR COMMUNICATION, INTENTIONAL, KIND, THOUGHTFUL, HELPFUL, NECESSARY, RECIPROCAL, COMPASSIONATE, BOUNDARIES ...







Consider... Words, Tone, Boundaries, Space, Posture /Pose, Eye contact, Touch /Not touching, Supports, Resources
Language frames our thoughts and thoughts frame our language

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ORGANIZATION BASED INTERVENTIONS

- Team building
- Scheduling
- Protected time off
- Adequate coverage for time off
- Readily available support programs
- Debriefing
- Advocacy & Funding
- Safe spaces
- Restricting excessive work hours
- Training programs for knowledge, skills and coping
- Expression of value alignment
- Training programs patient skills complex patients, communicating with patients
- Support & debriefing plan for medical errors
- Restricting resident on call hours
- Mentors to connect peer support
- Good HR practices and supports
- More usable HER systems
- Small group programs that foster community

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MAKE THE CASE TO EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP:

- Improve the patient experience and reduce medical errors
- Improve retention of valued members of the medical staff and prevent resource-intensive adverse outcomes among physicians (e.g. leave of absence, attrition, suicide)
- Enhance creativity and flexibility in responding to the challenges of the changing health care system
- Establish your institution as a leader on an issue of national importance
- *Shanafelt TD, Noseworthy JH. Mayo Clin Proc. 2017 leaders affect burnout and job satisfaction Drummond*

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NINE ORGANIZATIONAL STRATEGIES

DR. TAIT SHANAFELT (CHIEF WELLNESS OFFICER, STANFORD MEDICINE, STANFORD, CA) AND DR. JOHN NOSEWORTHY (CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MAYO CLINIC, ROCHESTER, MN) RECENTLY PROPOSED NINE STRATEGIES AS A PATH TOWARD REDUCING PHYSICIAN BURNOUT THAT CAN BE ADAPTED FOR SPECIFIC ORGANIZATIONS.

FIGURE 5. Organizational strategies to reduce burnout and promote physician engagement. *Often will focus on improving efficiency and reducing clinical burden but should focus on whichever driver dimension (Figure 1) deemed most important by members of the work unit. (Figure 3)

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ORGANIZATION-DIRECTED INTERVENTIONS ARE MORE LIKELY TO LEAD TO REDUCTIONS IN BURNOUT THAN PHYSICIAN-DIRECTED INTERVENTIONS

- 20 independent comparisons from 19 studies (1550 physicians)
- Used the emotional exhaustion domain of the Maslach
- **Organization-directed interventions are more likely to lead to reductions in burnout than physician-directed interventions**
 - Structural changes
 - Fostering communication between members of the health care team
 - Cultivating teamwork
- Interventions targeting experienced physicians showed greater evidence of effectiveness
- 2617 articles including 15 randomized trials of 716 physicians and 37 cohort studies of 2914 physicians
- 230 articles met criteria for full review
- Most studies reported on changes in burnout domain score
- Both individually-focused and organizational interventions can reduce burnout
- **Both individual and organizational strategies are probably necessary, but there are no studies to date which include both.**

Ponoprijski, et al., JAMA Internal Medicine, December, 2016 controlled interventions to reduce burnout, et al., Lancet, November,

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LEAD WITH OPTIMISM, COMPASSION AND RESILIENCE WITH A STRONG MORAL COMPASS, CULTIVATE A SENSE OF BELONGING "BE WITH US NOT FOR US"

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QUICK FIXES WON'T HOLD...

And have significant long term consequences

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CHANGE IS HARD: JUST ONE OF INDIVIDUAL & INSTITUTIONAL BARRIERS TO IMPLEMENTATION

You can't change what you refuse to confront.

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CHANGE IS A COMPLEX ADAPTIVE PROCESS

Complexity...
helps us understand change. The study of it as an emerging science which analyzes organizations from many dimensions not just from a reductionist, mechanistic perspectives.

Complex systems are living, unpredictable, creative, innovative, adaptive and flexible, embrace complexity, challenge and continuously evolve.

Complexity... Global, cultural and societal shifts affect access and provision of care and receptiveness to change ...

Traditional systems are machines, predictable and inflexible and rigid. They are self preserving and take comfort in controlling behavior. They recycle, revisit, tend not to change.

A HUMAN IS A COMPLEX ADAPTIVE SYSTEM

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"Change is harder when it is posed as a threat. People and systems do not function well under threat"

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A DISEASE BASED MODEL IS A DETERRENT TO SEEKING CARE. A WELLNESS-BASED MODEL IS STRENGTHS BASED AND CONSIDERS THE WHOLE PERSON

- prevention
- some medicines
- non-medical approaches
- diet
- Exercise
- Socializing & social support
- one's environment, faith, culture
- sense of purpose, meaning, value
- positive role of counseling & psychotherapy
- educate
- build skills & capacity
- foster resilience
- protective and therapeutic

An illness based model is not person centered

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10 COMMANDMENTS OF PHYSICIAN WELLNESS FEELS CONDEMNING

- I. Thou shall not expect someone else to reduce your stress.
- II. Though shall not resist change.
- III. Thou shall not take thyself in vain.
- IV. Remember what is holy to thee.
- V. Honor thy limits.
- VI. Thou shall not work alone.
- VII. Thou shall not kill or take it out on others.
- VIII. Thou shall not work harder. Thou shall work smarter.
- IX. Seek to find joy and mastery in thy work.
- X. Thou shall continue to learn.

(Katz 2014)

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CULTURAL BARRIERS
THE CULTURE OF MEDICINE CAN BE TOXIC TO EXPRESSION OF STRUGGLE & CREATE BARRIERS TO ACCESSING CARE...

DENIAL
AVOIDANCE
POOR COPING
LACK OF SUPPORT
UNAWARE OF SEVERITY
LOW RESERVES

FEAR OF REPURCUSSIONS

SHAME
EXCLUSION
ISOLATION
TRAUMA

STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION
LACK OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES

SYSTEM Denying or covering up errors, abuse, harassment, ambush management techniques, threats errors, omissions, moral injury

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STIGMA & DISCRIMINATION WORSEN BURNOUT

THE EFFECTS OF STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION CAN BE SEEN IN THE CHRONIC UNDERFUNDING OF THE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM

Negatively impact all area of life and is frequently more **harmful** than the illness itself.

Negative attitudes, lack of respect or pessimism regarding recovery, steps to remove control over decision-making **interfere with recovery**.

Fear being labelled or judged is high


Family caregivers report experiencing **isolation** & loss of support due to shame and blame contamination

Health care providers experience lack of respect and **inadequate support** and accommodations when seeking care

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MYTH: STICKS AND STONES WILL BREAK MY BONES BUT WORDS WILL NEVER HURT ME. SHAME

- People shrink
- shame can masquerade
- shame and guilt
- recoil from others
- feel badly about themselves
- scrutiny of the entire self
- feel worthless and powerless
- exposed



- Too busy
- Lack of self awareness
- Not knowing how & procedures
- Shame
- Lack of supervisory alliance
- Fear of rejection
- Fear of punitive actions
- Fear of judgement (weak, less than, meme here purple,)
- Seen it gone bad for others don't want similar consequences
- Fear of unknown and unexpected
- Lack of support

Andrew A. Sackler, M.D., M.P.H. & Hardman, J. Physician Resilience & Burnout: Fam Pract Mgmt Jan-Feb 2013

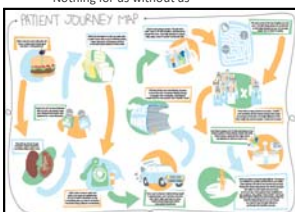
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NOT ENGAGING PHYSICIANS AS PARTNERS WHEN THEY ARE PATIENTS CREATES A BARRIER TO CARE

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ameprc.2019.04.002>

- **The impact of patient feedback on the medical performance of qualified doctors: a systematic review**
- Patient feedback is considered integral to quality improvement and professional development. However, neither approach is a comprehensive solution. Research is needed to identify factors for successful implementation, the impact of various types of patient feedback on the medical performance of qualified doctors, and the impact of various types of patient feedback on the medical performance of qualified doctors.
- Methodological limitations: Patient, medical, medical and health care systems were systematically searched for studies reporting the impact of patient feedback on medical performance. The impact of patient feedback on medical performance was assessed. Factors were quality appraisal, methods used and published using a narrative approach.
- Results: Only 10 studies met the criteria. The impact of patient feedback on medical performance was assessed. Factors were quality appraisal, methods used and published using a narrative approach.
- Conclusions: Patient feedback can have an impact on medical performance. However, evidence change is influenced by many factors and cannot be generalized. Future research is needed to identify factors for successful implementation, the impact of various types of patient feedback on the medical performance of qualified doctors, and the impact of various types of patient feedback on the medical performance of qualified doctors.

Nothing for us without us




<http://urgcollective.com/florentino>

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CONSIDER WHAT THE INDIVIDUAL NEEDS TO RETURN TO WORKING WELL

- **First:** understand, assess, plan & communicate, support
- **Second:** treatment, recovery & rehabilitate, strengthen supports. Institute changes to workplace
- **Third:** Return to work with ongoing supports, therapy, accommodations & reinforcement of skills. Regular evaluations and feedback, ongoing dynamic adaptations. Debrief after difficult & errors. Brainstorm and collaborate. Communicate well. Cultivate healthy community, peer support & an atmosphere of kind, compassionate and embraced shared humanity



Return to work

- Self care & self management
- Regular therapy and support.
- Ongoing skill building

Rehabilitation

- Work hardening focus on skill building
- Graduated exposure

Off work: assessment, treatment and recovery

- Assess and plan
- Secure resources & start treatment plan

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WHAT IS ELSE IS CREATING BARRIERS TO IMPLEMENTATION ?

Utilization of Mental Health Services Among Depressed Medical Interns

Service Type	Percentage
Med & Therapy	85.2%
Therapy Alone	6.7%
No Treatment	8.1%

Gulley, C. et al. J Grad Med Educ. 2020 Jun; 2(2): 210-214.

**Self care is not self indulgence.
Self care is self respect.**

"Through a supervisory lens subject to the inner critic that judges our success by how well we think our students are performing, expectations and stress grow."

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RESIDENTS AND STUDENTS UNIQUE STRESSORS

- Devalued
- Lack of protected time for necessities
- And self care
- Taking care of basic needs seen as
- Weakness Intolerance Barriers to disclosure & accessing care
- Lack of education, prepared
- Lack of supervisory alliance
- Skills deficits and lack of support to deal with difficult encounters
- Medical errors secondary traumatic stress Lack of education, prepared
- Lack of supervisory alliance

- Stigma
- Judgement
- Ostracism
- Isolation
- Criticism
- High expectations
- Lack of social support
- Prolonged on call hours
- Excessive work week schedule
- Lack of respect by superiors and supervisor

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REMINDE OURSELVES & OUR STUDENTS THAT WE GROW FROM MISTAKES

"Shortcomings are not failures but opportunities to learn, adapt, change and evolve. This is the basis of the scientific method after all... we are just human we err!"

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WE GROW FROM ADVERSITY POST TRAUMATIC GROWTH

Post traumatic growth is reflected in emotional growth through self awareness and wisdom, a sense of connection, belonging and strengthening of relationships. People experience more awareness of personal strengths and how to harness them. From a growth mindset, one experiences new possibilities and a deeper sense of appreciation for life. Resilient survivors continue to grow, and even thrive, in spite of, and quite often because of, their histories. (Armour, 2007)

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WE CAN GROW WITH COMPASSION

FRAMEWORK FOR LINKING CULTURAL NORMS IN MEDICINE WITH BURNOUT FACTORS AND POTENTIAL INTERVENTIONS

Positive value	Negative potential	Burnout factor(s)	Potential mental training interventions
Service	Deprivation	Compassion fatigue Entitlement	Reframing Appreciation and gratitude
Excellence	Invincibility	Emotional exhaustion	Mindful self-compassion Inner critic awareness
Curative competence	Omnipotence	Ineffectiveness Cynicism	Self-awareness Generous listening
Compassion	Isolation	Depersonalization	Connection and community Silence as energizing

(Juchnow 2022)

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A Growth Mindset
 What we feed grows so too can our optimism, resilience, skills, capacity and agency to implement necessary change to address the growing crisis

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WHAT IS OATH WHAT IS MORAL IMPERATIVE ?



WHAT DO YOU VALUE? WHO DO YOU, WE WANT TO BE IN THE FACE OF CHALLENGE, CHANGE AND A CRISIS IN CARE?

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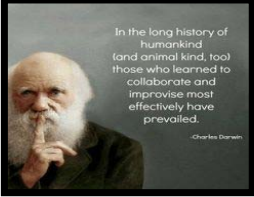
SHARED HUMANITY

“Holding others pain is a privilege. Holding our own, makes us healthier care givers. Understanding and sharing life’s joys, sorrows, failures, imperfections, and suffering connects us. Holding our shared sense of humanity is healing.” *Dr. Maria Patriquin*

Humanizing health

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DARWIN ACTUALLY SPOKE TO THE STRENGTH OF SOCIAL AND MATERNAL BONDS...
"COMMUNITIES, WHICH INCLUDED THE GREATEST NUMBER OF SYMPATHETIC MEMBERS, WOULD FLOURISH BEST..."



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"COMPASSION IS THE CURRENCY OF RELATIONSHIPS. WE ARE SOCIAL BEINGS AND OUR BRAINS ARE SOCIAL ORGANS..."

We have the capacity to learn, change and grow together.

Because of our social nature, our interactions hold the potential and capacity to harm or to heal. Our success as physicians and as sentient beings will be defined by our ability to honor the role of relationships and the importance of regard for our deep seated need to belong and connect.

By virtue of these qualities and values, our care holds the potential of being able to establish the healthiest forms of working relationships if the process is...

compassionate, collaborative and considers our humanity".

Thank you Dr. Maria Patriquin MD CCFP FCFP

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PMH IN NOVA SCOTIA

Thank you

Successful examples of practices operating as a PMH in the province

- Dr. Lisa M. Boring, Residential Pediatric Family Practice
- Dr. Shirley Juchaczuk, Great Canadian Health Center
- Dr. Mark Patriquin, Living Well Integrative Health Centre
- Dr. David Mack, Lushington Family Health

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May we work together for meaningful change

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THANK YOU TO MY FAMILY




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RESOURCE SLIDES AND HELPFUL LINKS

- <http://livingwellhlc.ca/entries/general/important-concepts-in-collaborative-transformation>- Important conceptualizations in transformation to a collaborative model of primary HC provision.
- <https://www.flipsnack.com/doctorsnovascotia/doctorsns-oct2017/full-view.html?p=1> page 24 Group Medical Visits
- <https://www.flipsnack.com/doctorsnovascotia/doctorsns-sept2017/full-view.html?p=1> The Road to MD; How to survive and thrive in medical school
- http://livingwellhlc.ca/files/documents/LivingWellWinter2016NL_1.pdf Love Begins With the Letter "C" <https://www.ctp.ca/content/63/4/306.full>
- <http://livingwellhlc.ca/entries/general/the-science-of-habits-dr-maria-patriquin>- The Science of Habits
- Systemic Issues in Mental Health Care Provision , The Coast, Chronicle Herald & Dal News <http://livingwellhlc.ca/entries/general/systemic-issues-in-mental-health-care-provision-published-as-mind-and-body-june-2017-the-coast-letters>
- <https://www.yourdoctors.ca/blog/health-care/an-investment-that-pays-off-building-mental-wealth> An investment that pays off. Building Mental Wealth
- Supporting Primary Care Transformation Tool Kit for Doctors NS <https://doctorsns.com/sites/default/files/2019-01/next-steps/Collaborative-Practice-Tool-Kit2019.pdf>

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THE FOLLOWING SLIDES ARE RESOURCES THAT I AM HAPPY TO SHARE

- The following 8 slides are derived from my work on collaborative care and are short form notes for small changes you can make in your practices to move towards a collaborative practice. The 1st are recommendations for leaders and organizations regarding adoption of the PMH and collaborative care in addressing the crisis in family medicine. For more information please visit www.livingwellhlc.ca or email me at kindonpurpose@gmail.com
- I hope that you will join us for this conference...



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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEADERS AND ORGANIZATIONS REGARDING ADOPTION OF THE PMH AND COLLABORATIVE CARE AND ADDRESSING THE CRISIS IN FAMILY MEDICINE DR. MARIA PATRIQUIN

1. "Collaboration/integration is a process NOT an endpoint", it is a way of being, working and functioning that necessitates working together. Another way of saying this is "collaboration is a verb not a noun". The Webster dictionary defines it "as a purposeful relationship in which all party strategically choose to cooperate in order to achieve shared or overlapping objectives". In this circumstance there are many shared objectives of which the most important is better patient care. Collaboration as a process is constantly changing, evolving and is responsive to various changing factors in the healthcare landscape.
2. Collaboration is conciliation i.e. "the unity of knowledge". Where is the unity and where are the sources of knowledge derived? "The process by which we derive information and knowledge for the transformation must be a culmination of multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary research".
3. "Collaboration requires engagement on every level". Global, government, policy, practice, organizations, institutions, administrations, researchers, teachers, providers, patients, and communities, etc.
4. "Learning to transition to collaborative care is an adaptive process that has both technical and adaptive challenges. A technical approach to an adaptive process doesn't work. The approach itself must be integrative" (in this sense integrating adaptive as well as technical solutions).
5. "Collaborative practices must be patient-centred AND population centered. Collaboration requires continual adaptation and change to varying individual as well as community and population variables. This, to some extent, this reflects how patient centered care is envisioned and supported in the community (beyond the walls of a practice) and how communities can foster healthy practices in individuals belonging to larger groups."

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6. "Patients must be consulted in the process of formation of collaborative care otherwise the process itself is not patient centered and risks falling short of needs. Collaboration grows collaboration. Including patient voice in the process of transformation demonstrates authenticity, consistency and continuity in considering what is truly conducive to patient centered care. There are no existing patient interest groups for primary care provision".
7. "Collaborative care exists within a larger landscape and must also consider global trends and economies, agencies, organizational and institutional interests, government and policy formation, societal pressures, cultural shifts, technological advances and innovation, financial and fiscal restraints, availability of professional resources and the environment".
8. "Collaborative practice is dynamic and should be intelligent, informed, proactive, purposeful, innovative, flexible, optimistic, responsive, responsible, stable and resilient." The word conciliation refers to the coming together of meaning and derives from the Latin word COM meaning "together" and Sileans meaning "jumping" or "resilient". Success is not possible without failure. With resilience, we grow from failure. It acts as a built in mechanism to provide information about what works and what doesn't work. Resilience is necessary.
9. "Stronger collaborative practices are formed when the providers involved are respected for having knowledge, expertise, and experience, and opportunities are made to give voice to their vision. The 'lived work experience' holds some validity and credibility. Providers need to be permitted some degree of autonomy and choice over what they experientially know is a good fit for them. "Prescribing" partners and practices don't work".
10. "Collaborative relationships are highly reliant on communication and inherently require some form of leadership. In a strong collaborative practice there needs to be some agreement upon the style of leadership that is conducive to the provider-centered components of care as well as the overall collaborative structure and set up". Transitioning to collaboration and integration requires leaders, champions, trailblazers and risk takers. Tasks and roles should be defined by skills and not by disciplines.

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- 11. Primary care embraces the value of providing continuous care throughout the lifespan. Although this is ideally a component of the training and subspecializing is discouraged, not one provider can be all to everyone at all stages of life. This is why "a collaborative model suits lifespan care. Multiple providers with varying expertise collectively meet needs through shared roles and responsibilities. This type of set up honors intellectual liberty and engenders enriched care by nurturing and investing in the interests and attitudes of the providers." One wouldn't want a family physician with expertise in geriatrics providing ongoing prenatal care. "Tasks and roles should be defined by skills and not by disciplines"
- 12. Collaboration requires structure to ensure efficiency, effective use of resources, to encourage innovative ways to deliver care and in an effort to ensure patient care is enhanced. "Structure is a value adding component to collaborative care" This includes (not exclusively) EMR, administration and access, assessment, evaluation and feedback, programming and training. This speaks to the necessity for collaboration to include some formal processes and procedures.
- 13. Communication is the foundational practice necessary for a seamless transition to collaboration and integration. It is also the foundation of ongoing practice. "Communication is the language of collaboration" There should be opportunity for both formal and informal communication in a collaborative model of care. Formal communication occurs through charting or EMR, assessments and regular meetings. There are well established tools to assist in the process. Informal communication promotes strong interpersonal relationships and recognizes limitations inherent in formal communication practices. Informal communication includes practices such as brainstorming, problem solving as well as the "Warm" handover. "Both formal and informal communication serves to enhance patient care and working relationships in a collaborative practice"
- 14. "Collaborative care is best envisioned as holistic and integrative. Integrative care fits into a "wellness" model of health. Health is not merely defined as the absence of illness and disease but also by the subjective experience of being and living well. A wellness model fosters healthy practices that both prevent disease and promote wellness in addition to treating illness. Holistic care is a value adding practice and considers the whole person, their families, relationships, work, culture, community and traditions. It necessitates patient engagement and further strengthens relationships between patients and providers by positioning them as the center of the collaboration. A wellness model of care is truly a patient-centered care. No person wants to be defined or remembered for what ailed them". A wellness-based model is one that considers the whole person. It is a strength-based model that embraces the bio-psychosocial approach to care and places value and credibility on prevention, some medicines, as well as non-medicine approaches to care including diet, exercise, stretching, social support, one's environment, faith, culture, sense of purpose, meaning, and value. And emphasizes the positive role of active care. It seeks to educate, build skills, capacity and foster resilience, which is both protective and therapeutic. It places the patient at the center of their care emphasizing choice and aligning with being patient-centered, an important pillar of the collaborative care model.
- 15. The reality is that our system is not well, nor is it serving the needs of patients or providers. This creates barriers to accessing and providing care. An over-reliance on evidence based medicine has replaced common sense and has discouraged and created artificial divisions where there should be integration and interdisciplinary collaboration. It has also contributed to a culture where there is more emphasis on numbers and outcomes rather than the whole person. There is lack of consideration for the qualitative experience of what is supposed to be a healing interaction and relationship between provider and patient. There is a growing body of evidence that demonstrates empathetic exchange or compassionate care has significant positive health outcomes and this is not factored into the existing model.
- 16. A collaborative care model is only as healthy, functional and happy as the people that work and function within it. This speaks to the importance of physicians and health care providers' health. This must consider their needs and the importance of a work-life balance as well as the need to be engaged in healthy practices themselves. Providers must be heavily encouraged to self-care, be mindful and responsive to their changing needs, to establish a sense of safety, security and stability as well to ensure that they are deriving from their work role a sense of meaning, purpose and mastery. Providers need care and need to take care.
- 17. "Collaboration is reliant on healthy relationships. Compassion is the currency of relationships. We are social beings and our brains are social organs. We have the capacity to learn and grow together. Because of our social nature, our success will be defined by our ability to honor the role of relationships and the importance of respect for our deep seated need to connect and belong. By virtue of these qualities and values, the collaborative model of care holds the potential and promise of being able to establish the healthiest forms of working relationships if the process of forming them is itself compassionate and considers our humanity."

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The collage consists of three distinct items. On the left is a red and white poster titled 'PRIMARY CARE TRANSFORMATION: A collaborative practice tool kit' by Doctors Without Borders. In the center is a white poster for 'Stress Reduction' featuring a quote from a doctor and the text '10 mindful weeks to meaningful change'. On the right is a blue and white poster for the 'Family Medicine Forum' (Forum en médecine familiale) at the University of Toronto, featuring a photo of a woman and the text '100+ Family Physicians'.

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SMALL INCREMENTAL CHANGES

The infographic features a grid of icons with corresponding text. The top row includes 'observe' (magnifying glass), 'question' (question mark), 'study' (open book), 'phone' (handset), and 'speak up' (megaphone). The bottom row includes 'communicate' (two people talking), 'share' (two people with a shared object), 'teach' (teacher at a blackboard), and 'make yourself happy' (smiley face). The text 'Thank You' is written in a cursive font at the bottom right.

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SMALL BUT MIGHTY MOVES...

November 2, 2017

Barna

I just wanted to take the time to let you know that you are such a pleasure to have as a consultant. You are meticulous, make yourself very available and are so incredibly communicative. This particular communication touched me as it also shows how very compassionate and caring you are. I had thought for a long time to write to you showing gratitude as none of this is an easy task especially during a time of healthcare reform and high stress, but the thought alone does not count unless you know I've had it often.

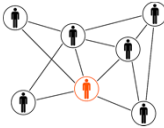
Yours sincerely, Maria Patriquin, MD, CCFP

The right side of the page contains a list of medical orders with details such as drug names, dosages, and frequencies. A 'Harvard Health Letter' is also visible, along with a 'REFLECTIVE EXERCISE' section containing questions for reflection.

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SMALL BUT MIGHTY VALUE ADDING COLLABORATIVE MOVES...

- Ask patients to bring family or friends who can have input and provide support
- Request a medication review for chronic disease management
- Use tools to engage and facilitate care and behavioral change. Set goals, track progress, suggest follow up etc. e.g. SMART goals, PHQ's, FOH
- Write a letter to connect care providers within a patient's circle of care. Use your EMR to distribute.



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	Consider volunteers & students		Hire admin staff who can hold dual roles		Complimentary community programming & resources e.g. CHTS, library
	Attend interdisciplinary educational events		Vulnerable patients require clear proactive questions		Hold space to support each other even socialize!
	Consider a focus group where there appears to be a care gap		Participate in research		Share resources, tools and ideas with others

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