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The Hidden Truth About Emotional Exhaustion and COVID from 250K Healthcare Voices

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Given the ongoing impact of COVID-19 and as part of the AHA’s continuing efforts to support frontline health care professionals, educators, and leaders, we are postponing the inaugural Advancing Care Conference, originally scheduled for October 4-6 in Chicago, to 2022.

Today's Presenters



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Agenda



- **Burnout during Covid-19**
- **Evidence-based strategies to reduce burnout**



- **How we measure burnout**
- **SCORE survey**
- **Additional insights on COVID's effect on burnout**



- **The underlying framework for highly reliable organizations**
- **Reflections on leadership and burnout**

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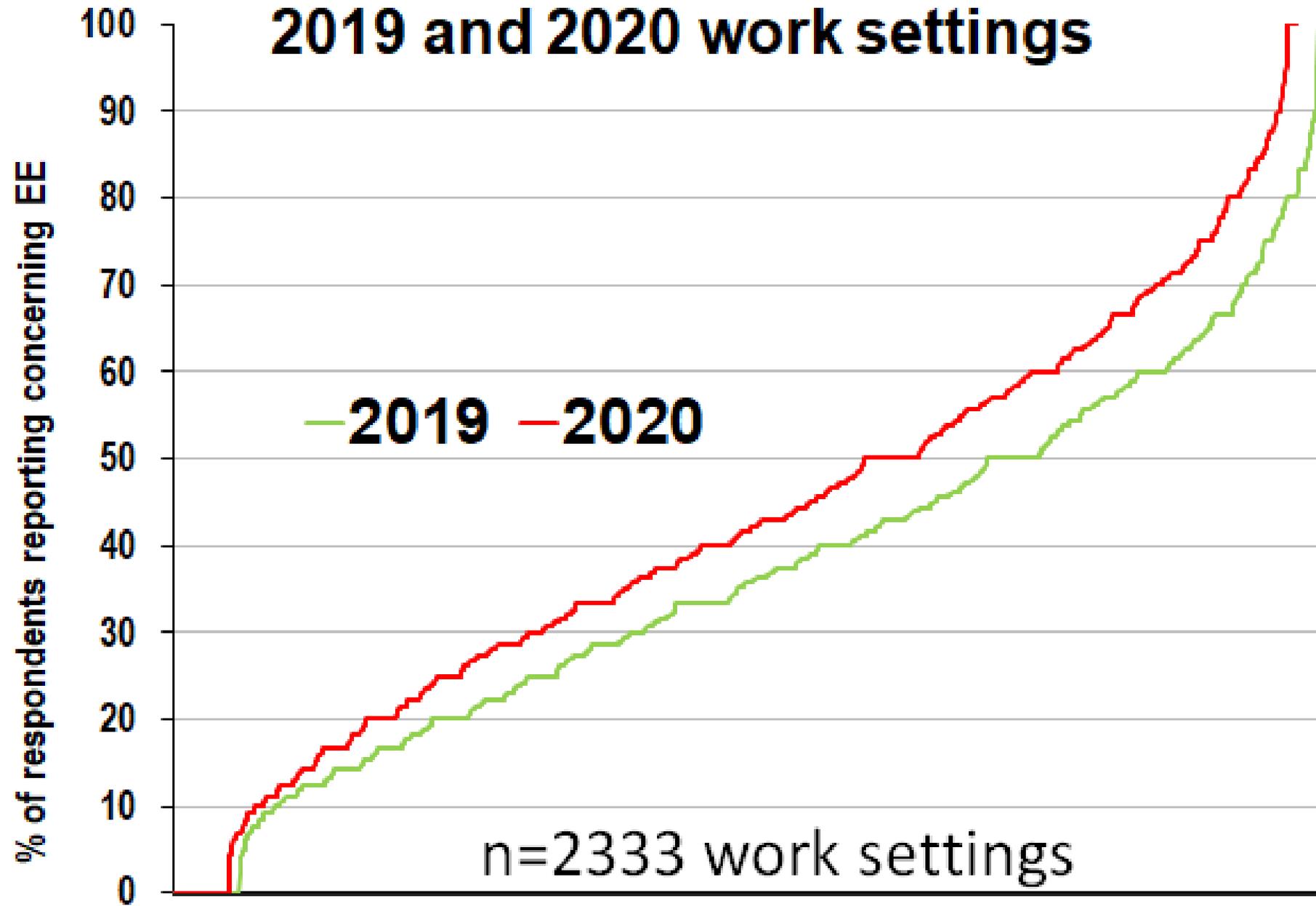
Let's get the elephants in
the room out of the way...
Impact of Covid-19, and
Evidence that we can fix it...



We have data from 50,000 healthcare workers in Sept 2019 and Sept 2020



Emotional Exhaustion across 2019 and 2020 work settings

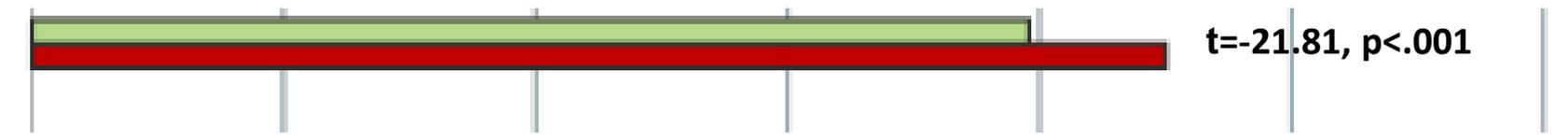


% Emotionally Exhausted Before and During Covid-19 Overall & by Role

Pre $\alpha=.93$
During $\alpha=.94$

■ During ■ Pre

Overall (n=50412/50512)

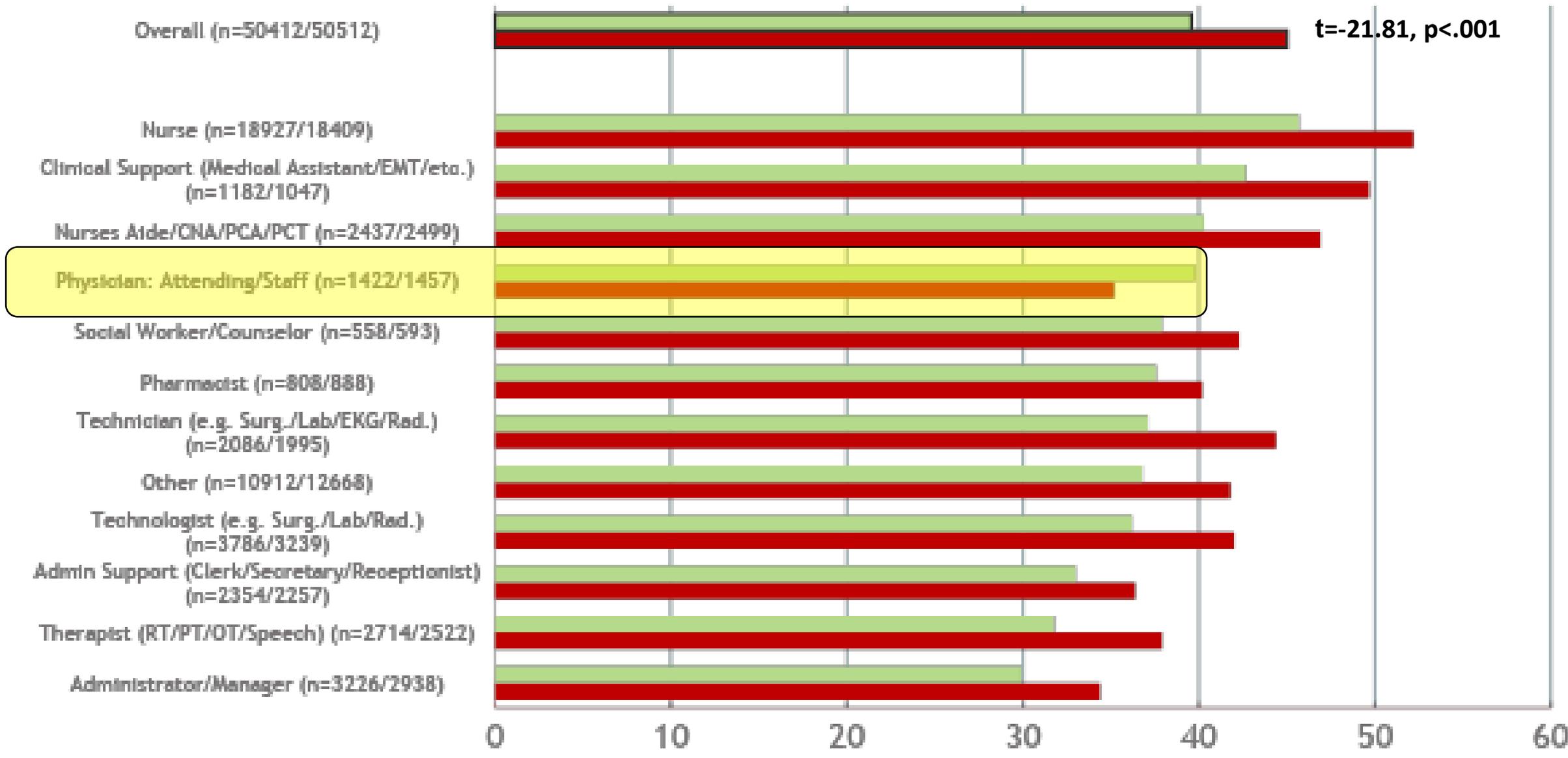


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COVID-19 impact is equivalent of 2.5 EMRs in 1
year



Haidari et. al, 2021 *Journal of Perinatology*. Maternal and neonatal health care worker well-being and patient safety climate amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Burnout is intense, can we
cause it to go down?**





Randomized controlled trial of the “WISER” intervention to reduce healthcare worker burnout

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Abstract

Objective Test web-based implementation for the science of enhancing resilience (WISER) intervention efficacy in reducing healthcare worker (HCW) burnout.

Design RCT using two cohorts of HCWs of four NICUs each, to improve HCW well-being (primary outcome: burnout). Cohort 1 received WISER while Cohort 2 acted as a waitlist control.

Results Cohorts were similar, mostly female (83%) and nurses (62%). In Cohorts 1 and 2 respectively, 182 and 299 initiated WISER, 100 and 176 completed 1-month follow-up, and 78 and 146 completed 6-month follow-up. Relative to control, WISER decreased burnout (-5.27 (95% CI: -10.44 , -0.10), $p = 0.046$). Combined adjusted cohort results at 1-month showed that the percentage of HCWs reporting concerning outcomes was significantly decreased for burnout (-6.3% (95% CI: -11.6% , -1.0%); $p = 0.008$), and secondary outcomes depression (-5.2% (95% CI: -10.8 , -0.4); $p = 0.022$) and work-life integration (-11.8% (95% CI: -17.9 , -6.1); $p < 0.001$). Improvements endured at 6 months.

Conclusion WISER appears to durably improve HCW well-being.

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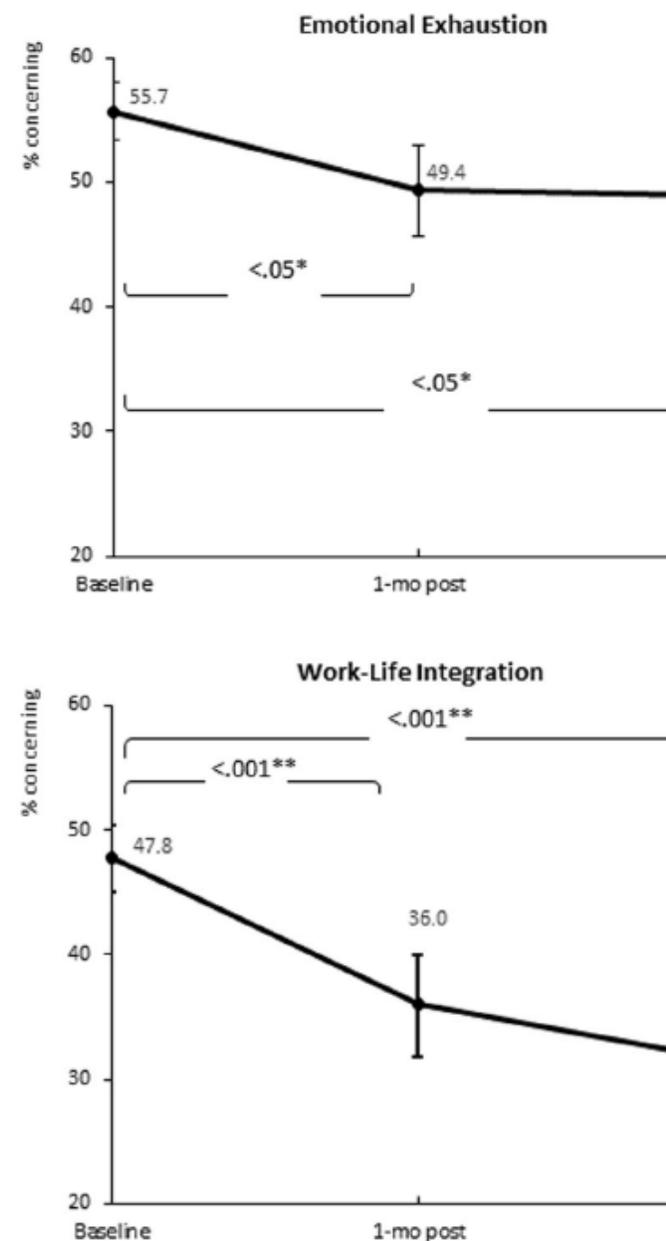


Fig. 2 Effect of WISER on the percent concerning scale at 1-month post provided in brackets.



Clinician Burnout Associated With Sex, Clinician Type, Work Culture, and Use of Electronic Health Records

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Abstract

IMPORTANCE Electronic health records (EHRs) are considered to be associated with clinician burnout.

OBJECTIVE To describe the association of EHR usage, sex, and work culture of clinicians at an academic medical institution.

DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS This cross-sectional study of 1310 clinicians at a large tertiary care academic medical center analyzed EHR usage metrics for the month of April 2019 and results from a well-being survey from May 2019. Participants included attending physicians, advanced practice providers (APPs), and house staff from various specialties. Data were collected between March 2020 and February 2021.

EXPOSURES Clinician demographic characteristics, EHR metadata, and an institutional work culture survey.

MAIN OUTCOMES AND MEASURES Study metrics included clinician demographic characteristics, well-being measures, and EHR usage metadata.

RESULTS Of the 1310 clinicians analyzed, 542 (41.4%) were men and 768 (58.6%) were women (mean [SD] age, 42.6 [10.3] years; 57% were White, 105 [13.7%] were Black, 105 [13.7%] were Asian, and 50 [6.5%] were Hispanic). Women had a higher survey score ≥ 50 : women, 423 [52.0%] vs men, 258 [47.6%]; $P = .008$). Differences in EHR usage were found by sex for multiple metrics of time in the EHR, volume of clinical encounters, or differences in products of clinical care. Multivariate analysis of clinician burnout revealed that work culture domains were significantly associated with burnout (odds ratio [OR], 0.542; 95% CI, 0.427-0.688; $P < .001$) and local work culture balance (OR, 0.643; 95% CI, 0.559-0.739; $P < .001$). Clinician sex significantly contributed to burnout, with women having a greater likelihood of burnout compared with men (OR, 1.01-1.75; $P = .04$). An increased number of days spent using the EHR system was associated with less likelihood of burnout (OR, 0.966; 95% CI, 0.937-0.996; $P = .03$). Overall, EHR metrics accounted for 1.3% of model variance ($P = .001$) compared with work culture accounting for 17.6% of variance ($P < .001$).

CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE In this cross-sectional study, sex-based differences in EHR usage and burnout were found in clinicians. These results also suggest that local work culture factors may contribute more to burnout than metrics of EHR usage.

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Meaning These findings suggest that clinician sex and local work culture may contribute more to burnout than the EHR.

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Discussion

The etiologies of clinician burnout are multifactorial and likely representative of a combination of the individual, local environment, regulatory requirements, and EHR technology.²² Our study describes the association of EHR usage across sex for attending

physicians. Our multivariate analysis found that EHR metrics, and not work culture, were associated with burnout. EHR metrics for average patient age and specialty at wellness domains have been shown in a previous test of R^2 difference.

Local work culture was significantly associated with burnout was significantly associated with a higher efficiency of usage of the EHR by clinicians for higher volume EHR users. Other EHR metrics derived as products of clinical care, such as length of notes or percentage of appointments closed the same day, did not differ significantly by sex.

Female clinicians reported more burnout than their male colleagues did across all 3 clinician types. These results support previous findings related to sex differences in burnout and EHR use metrics.^{20,26} While female clinicians spent more total time in the EHR and had more days with appointments, these measures did not lead to more clinician encounters or more total in-basket

Table 3. Multivariate Logistic Regression Models of Clinician Demographics, EHR Metrics, and Well-being Survey Domains to Burnout

Characteristics	Model 1 (clinician demographics), OR (95% CI)	P value	Model 2 (model 1 + EHR metrics), OR (95% CI)	P value	Model 3 (model 2 + well-being metrics), adjusted OR (95% CI)	P value
Clinician sex	1.404 (1.112-1.762)	.003	1.424 (1.132-1.792)	.003	1.331 (1.010-1.754)	.04
Clinician age	1.005 (0.995-1.016)	.29	1.005 (0.995-1.016)	.31	1.008 (0.996-1.020)	.20
Average patient age	0.992 (0.986-0.998)	.01	0.989 (0.983-0.995)	<.001	0.993 (0.985-1.001)	.07
Specialty	1.056 (0.987-1.131)	.11	1.046 (0.972-1.124)	.23	1.054 (0.964-1.151)	.25
Days in EHR for month	NA	NA	0.979 (0.955-1.003)	.09	0.966 (0.937-0.996)	.03
Total time in system	NA	NA	1.000 (1.000-1.003)	.002	1.000 (1.000-1.000)	.07
Days with appointment	NA	NA	0.987 (0.955-1.019)	.43	1.003 (0.963-1.046)	.88
Total encounters	NA	NA	0.998 (0.996-1.000)	.11	1.000 (0.998-1.003)	.76
Total in-basket messages	NA	NA	1.001 (1.000-1.001)	.02	1.000 (1.000-1.000)	.19
Commitment	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.542 (0.427-0.688)	<.001
Work life	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.643 (0.559-0.739)	<.001
Belonging	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.822 (0.665-1.017)	.07
Teamwork	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.525 (0.409-0.672)	<.001
Empower	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.929 (0.729-1.184)	.55
Management	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.008 (0.811-1.251)	.95
Career development	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.017 (0.827-1.250)	.87
Safety	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.129 (0.853-1.494)	.40
Diversity	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.837 (0.710-0.985)	.03
Well-being	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.883 (0.740-1.053)	.17
Violence	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.192 (0.985-1.441)	.07
No.	1310	NA	1310	NA	1167	NA
χ^2	$\chi^2_{df=4} = 18.33$.001	$\chi^2_{df=9} = 41.02$	<.001	$\chi^2_{df=20} = 319.82$	<.001
McFadden R^2	.010	NA	.023	NA	.198	NA
AIC	1.38	NA	1.37	NA	1.147	NA
Δ Variance M1 to M2	1.3%	NA	NA	.001	NA	NA
Δ Variance M2 to M3	NA	NA	17.6%	NA	NA	<.001

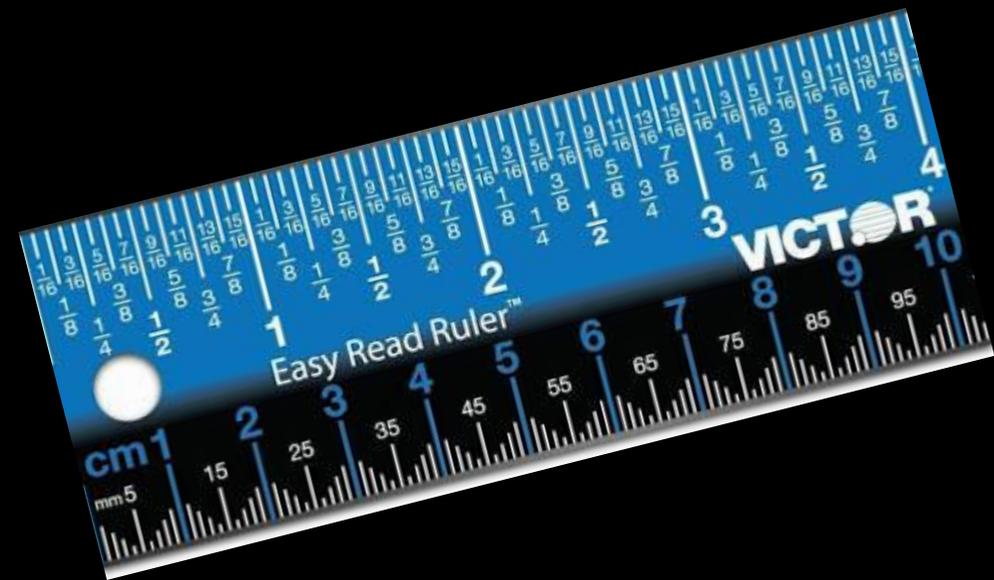
Abbreviations: AIC, Akaike information criteria; EHR, electronic health record; NA, not applicable; OR, odds ratio.

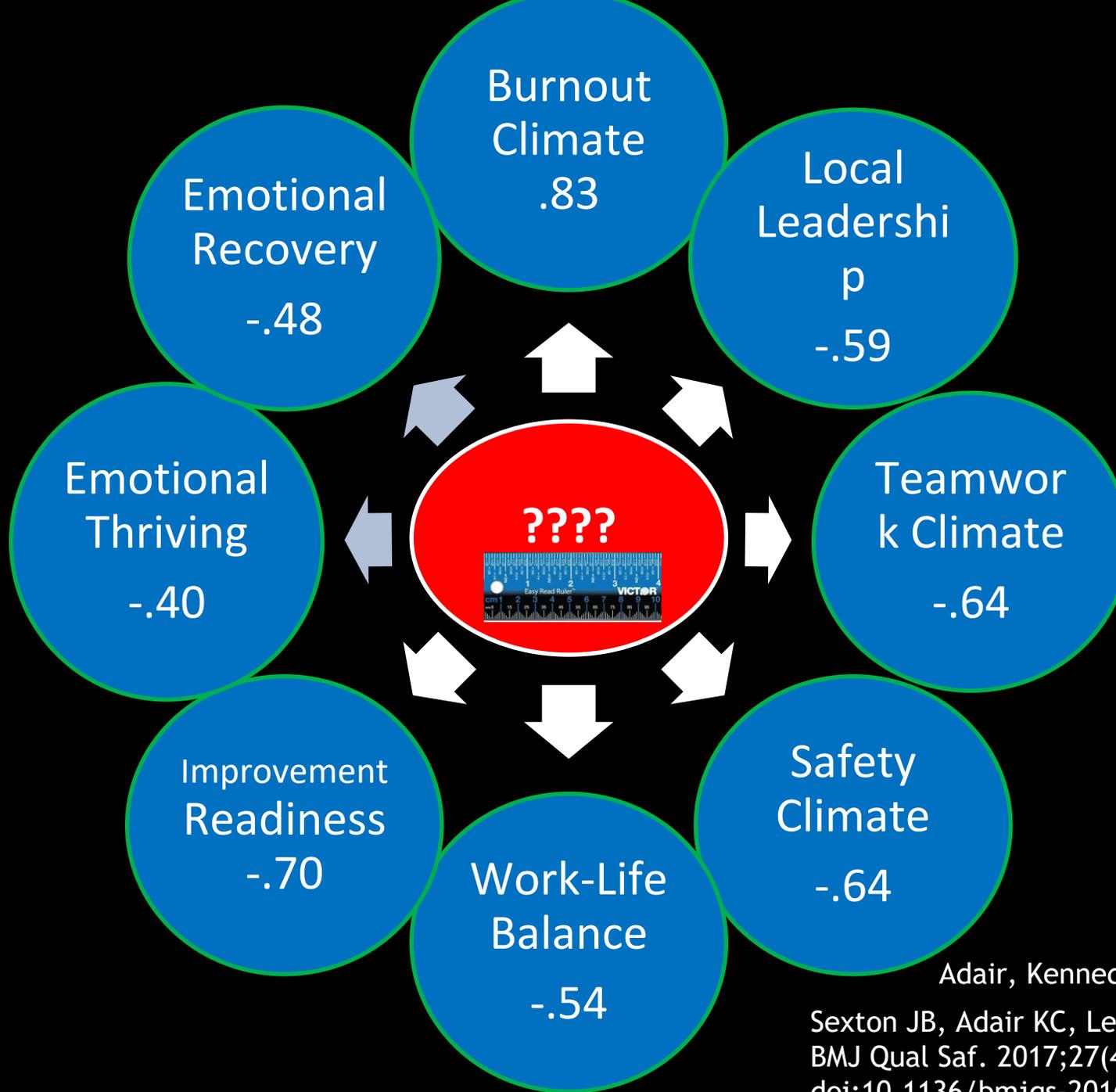
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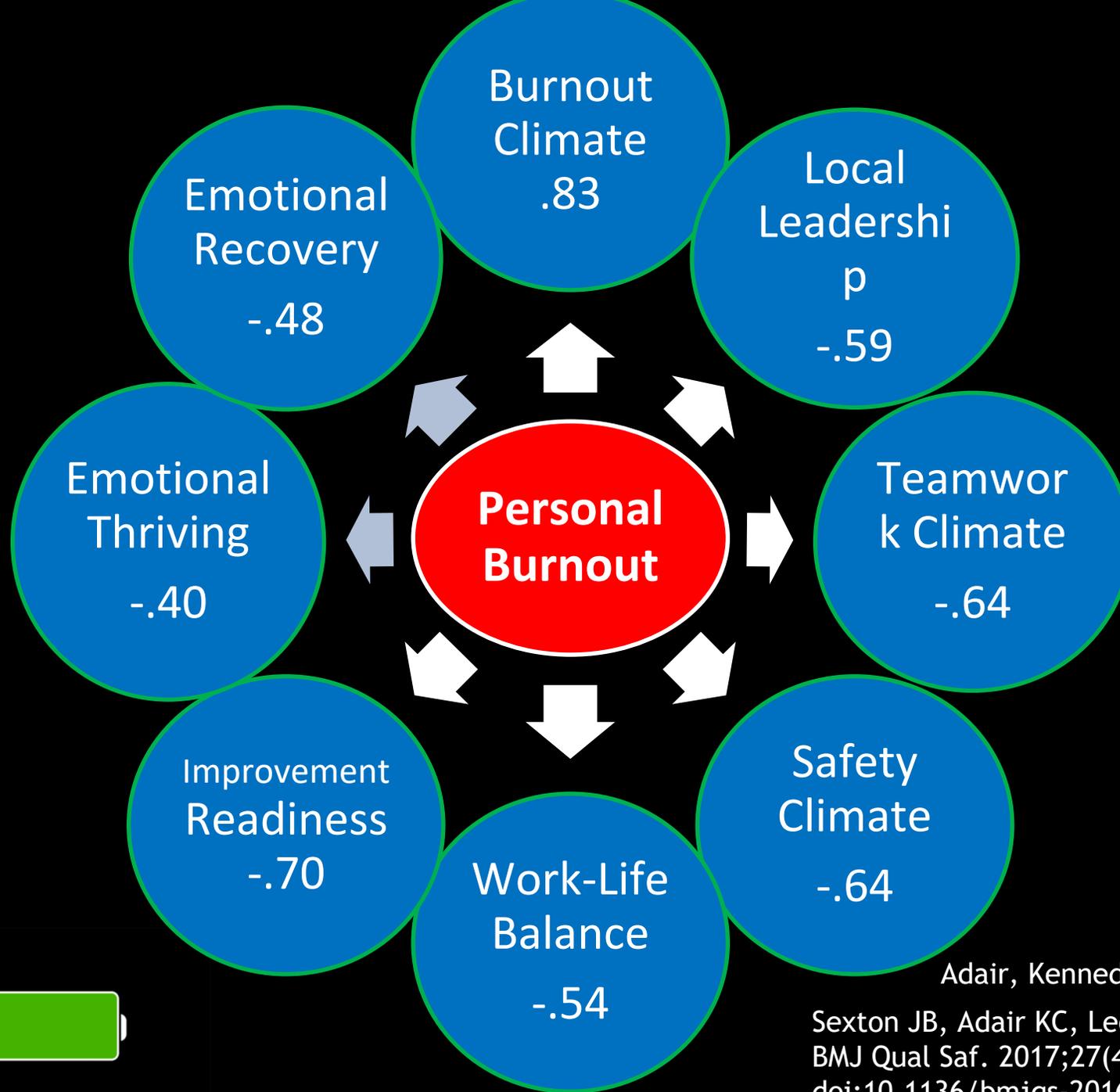
What if there were a metric so potent that it predicted clinical outcomes, operational outcomes, safety culture, and well-being?





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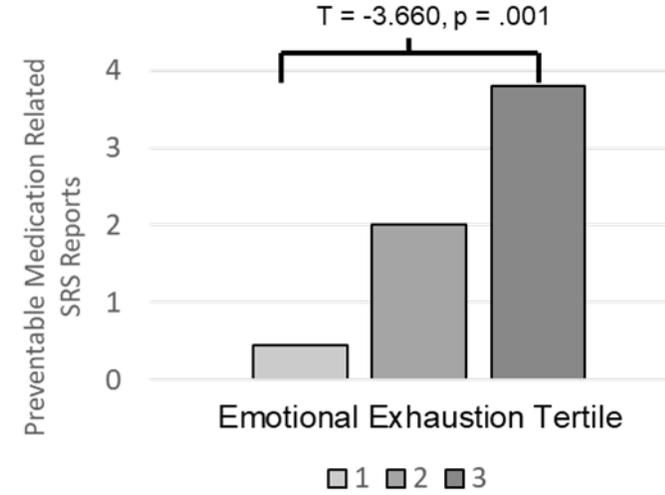
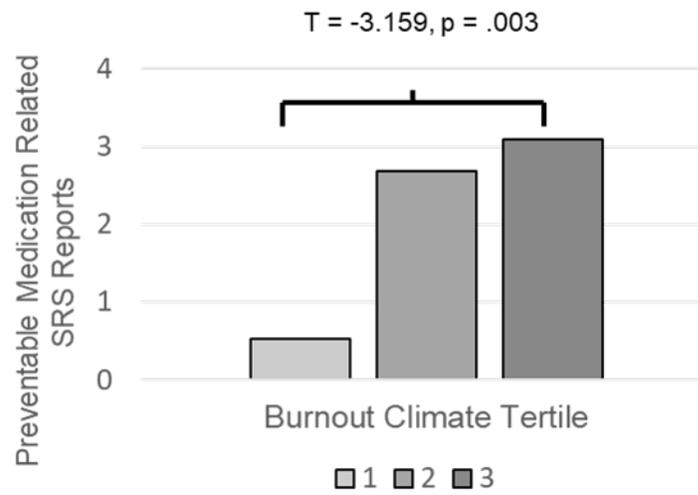
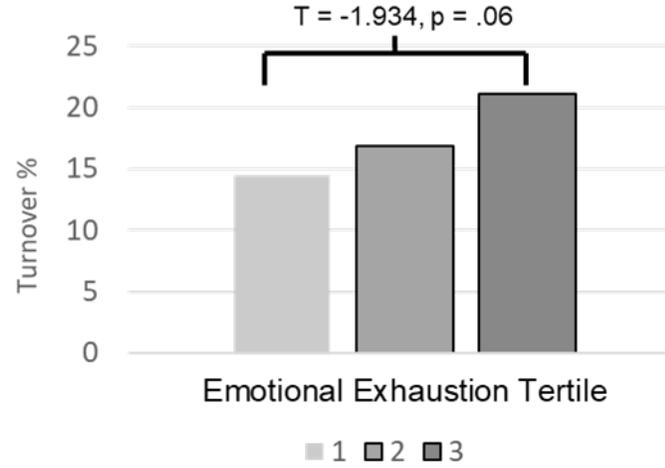
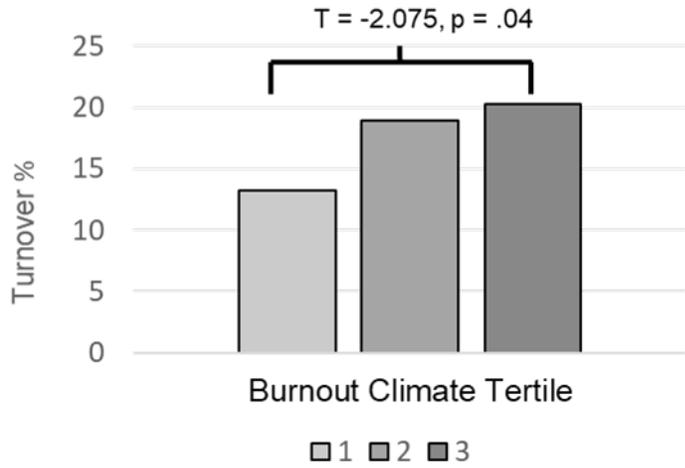


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Emotional Exhaustion and Burnout Climate's Associations with Turnover and Preventable Medication Related SRS Reports



1 = low exhaustion, 3 = high exhaustion

Table 3. Spearman Correlations between HCW Well-being domains, Work Culture, and Operational Outcomes at the Work Setting Level

	Burnout Climate SCORE	Emotional Exhaustion SCORE	Work-life Balance SCORE	Work Culture Press Ganey
Turnover	.35** N = 69	.26* N = 69	-.14 (NS) N = 69	-.06 (NS) N = 65
Preventable Medication Related SRS	.35** N = 68	.41*** N = 68	-.28* N = 68	-.15 (NS) N = 64

Providing feedback following

The Leadership scale begins with the prompt “In this work setting, local leadership...”. Then individual items ask:

Is available at predictable times.

Regularly makes time to provide positive feedback to me about how I am doing.

Provides frequent feedback about my performance.

Provides useful feedback about my performance.

Communicates their expectations to me about my performance.

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Each 10-point increase in Leadership was associated with a 28% reduction in the odds of burnout for the respondent



end of article.

Correspondence to

associations between receiving feedback about actions taken as a result of WR and healthcare worker assessments of patient safety culture, employee

able leadership engagement with quality that can be an empowering resource for HCW² at a time when resources are

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Positive Rounding Frame:

“What are three things that are going well around here, and one thing that could be better?”



Safety Culture and Workforce Well-Being Associations with Positive Leadership WalkRounds

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Background

Interventions to decrease burnout and increase well-being in health care workers (HCW) and improve organizational safety culture are urgently needed. This study was conducted to determine the association between Positive Leadership WalkRounds (PosWR), an organizational practice in which leaders conduct rounds and ask staff about what is going well, and HCW well-being and organizational safety culture.

Methods



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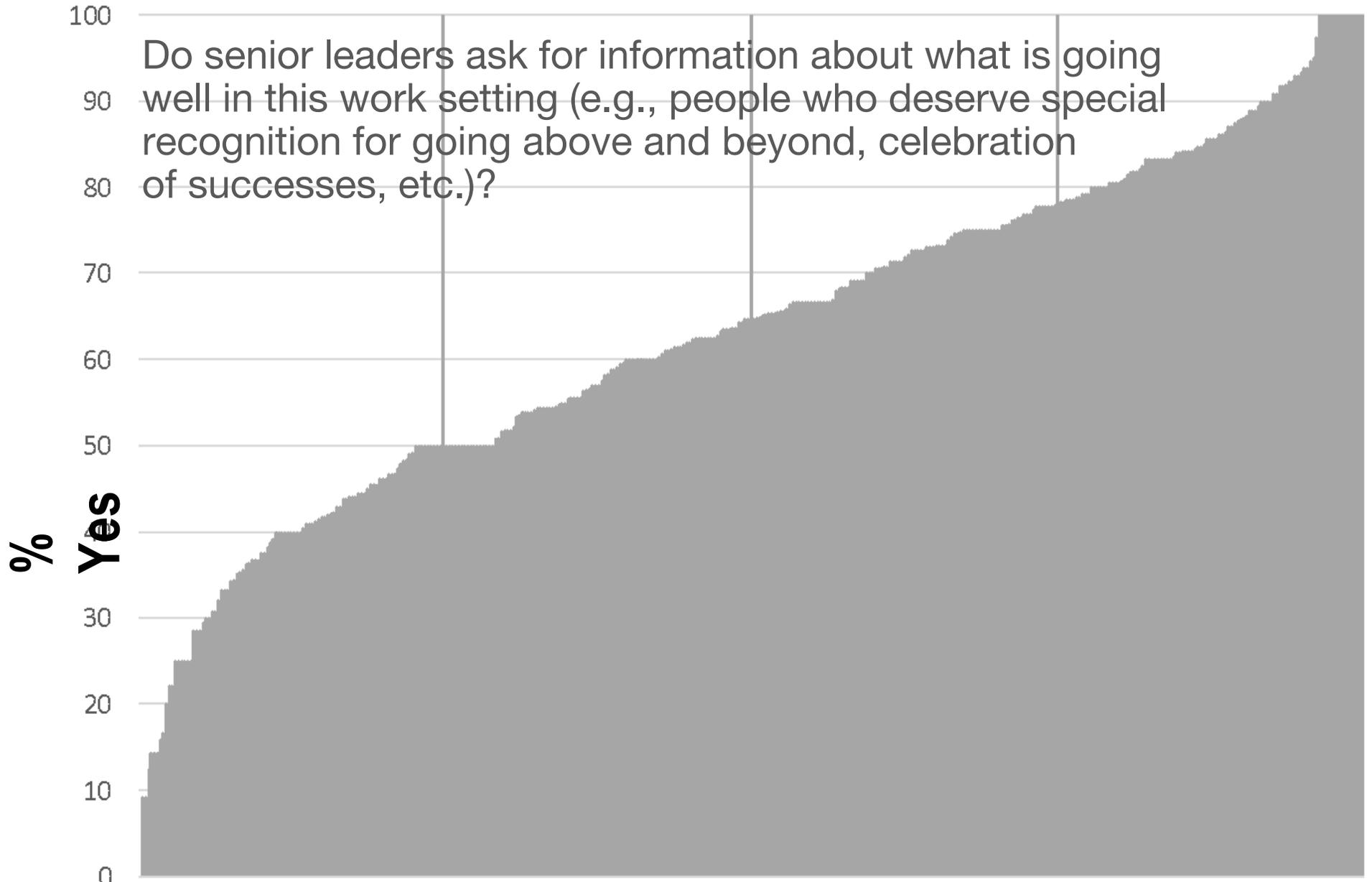
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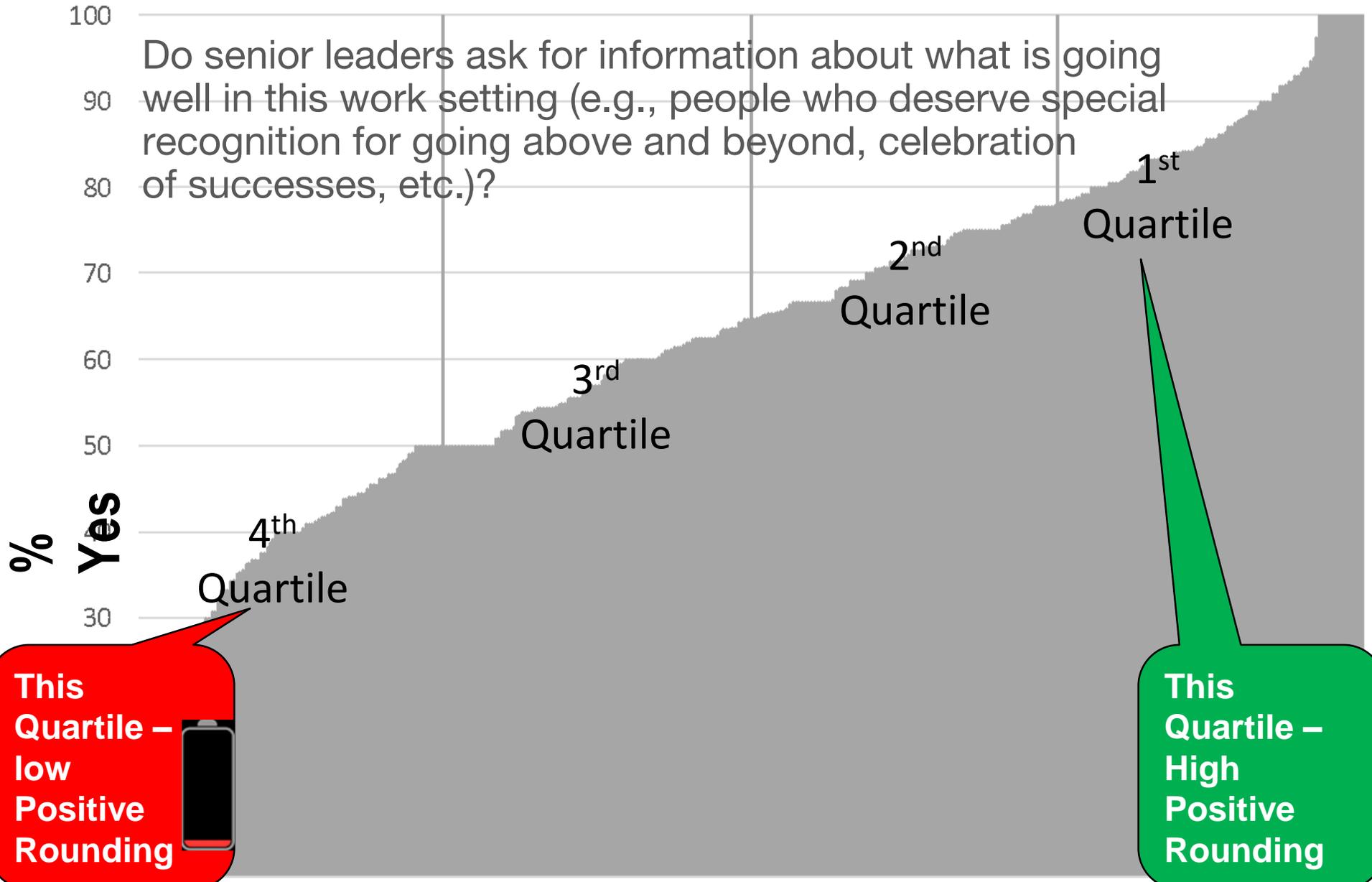
Study in July 2021 issue of The Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety

(OAKBROOK TERRACE, Illinois, June 22, 2021) – Interventions to decrease burnout in health care are urgently needed. A new study in the July 2021 issue of *The Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety* (JQPS) evaluates the association between Positive Leadership WalkRounds (PosWR), and health care worker (HCW) well-being and organizational safety culture.

The study, “[Safety Culture and Workforce Well-Being Associations with Positive Leadership WalkRounds](#),” was completed at Duke University Health System, Durham, North Carolina, and involved senior leaders who were encouraged to conduct PosWR, an organizational practice in which leaders conduct rounds and ask staff about what is going well.

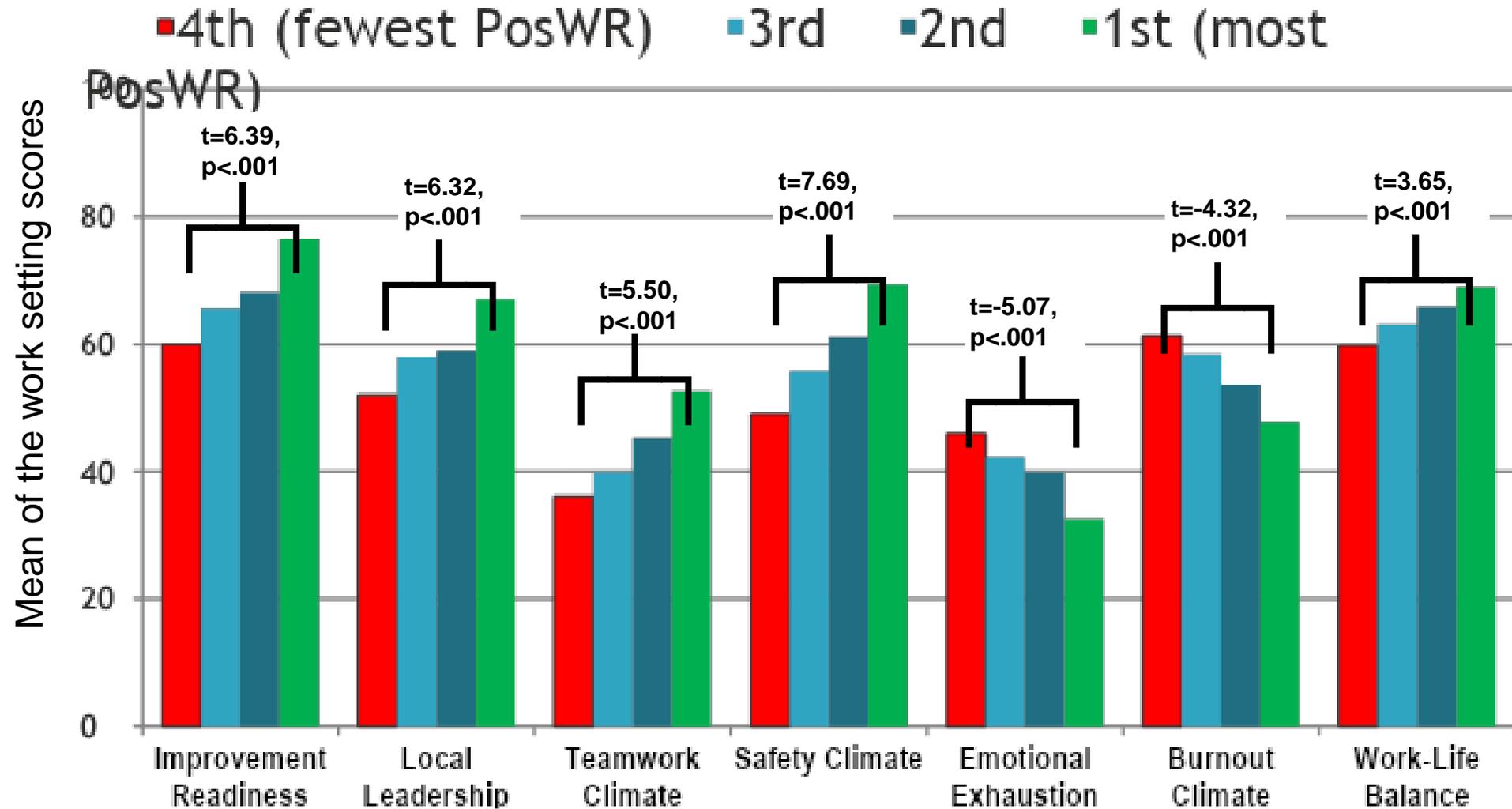


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Safety Culture & Well-Being by Positive Rounding Quartiles



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Perceptions of Institutional Support for “Second Victims” Are Associated with Safety Culture and Workforce Well-Being

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Objective: This study was performed to determine whether health care worker (HCW) support for second victims were associated with institutional safety culture and work

Method: HCWs' awareness of work colleagues emotionally traumatized by an unintended, their perceptions of level of institutional support for such colleagues, safety or assessed using a cross-sectional survey (SCORE [Safety, Communication, Operational Safety culture scores and workforce well-being scores were compared across work set (bottom quartile) perceptions of second victim support.

Results: Of the 10,627 respondents (81.5% response rate), 36.3% knew at least one individual by an unintended clinical event. Across 396 work settings, the percentage of respondents that second victims receive appropriate support ranged from 0% to 100%. Across all between perceived support for second victims and all SCORE domains (Improvement work Climate, Safety Climate, Emotional Exhaustion, Burnout Climate, and Work-life of respondents who knew an actual second victim and reported inadequate institutional negative in their assessments of safety culture and well-being than the 42.2% who reported

Conclusion: Perceived institutional support for second victims was associated with emotional exhaustion. Investment in programs to support second victims may improve being.

Delivering health care can be rich with purpose and meaning in one moment and potentially fraught with tragedy and despair in the next. A specific vulnerability of health care workers (HCWs) is that unintentional mistakes due to (or possibly could have) can generate extreme feelings of guilt, have severe legal, financial, and professional repercussions; and culminate in profound psychological insecurity.^{1,2} HCWs may suffer significant emotional harm and burnout³ regardless of their actual contribution to the error or whether the event was preventable. Patients and their loved ones are the first victims of this harm, but HCWs exposed directly and indirectly to this suffering are often called the second victims.⁴ Nationally representative data are still lacking, but preliminary prevalence of second victims estimates are 14% to 30% in the past year, and 50% to 60% in previous years.^{1,6} The extent to which an HCW feels supported in the aftermath of one of these tragedies may play a pivotal role in their ability to recover. Social science has firmly established that one's perception of having supportive others to turn to in times of stress (per-

ceived support) profile of stress.⁷⁻¹⁰ The perceived institutional climate with better safety (full sample), and (2) victims in their work settings are significant support are significant assessments of safety or report adequate support second victim).

METHODS

This is a cross-sectional 2016 from 15,040 HCWs in one academic health care organization, Operational Research, Local Leadership Climate, SCORE's Safety Climate, Emotional

Quartile Distribution of Support for Second Victims

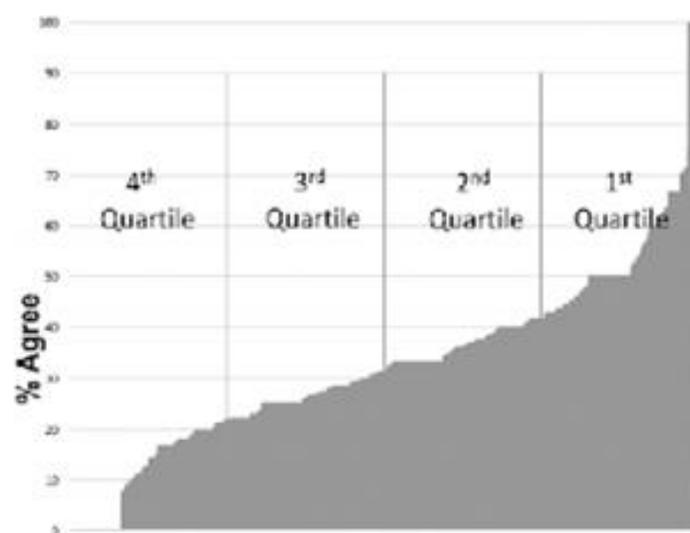


Figure 1: The graph shows quartile distribution of support for second victims, as measured by agreement with the statement "Individuals emotionally traumatized by an unintended clinical event within my work setting receive appropriate support from this health system." All respondents are included (that is, this was not limited to those who reported awareness of a second victim).

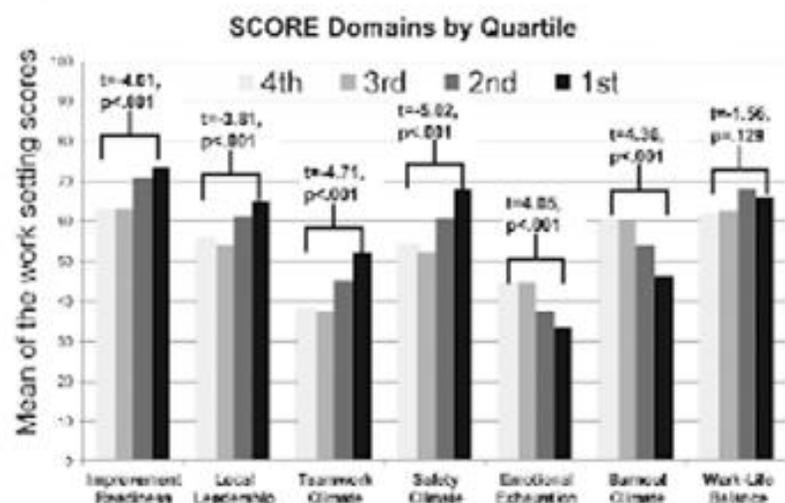


Figure 2: Shown here are SCORE domains by quartile of % agreement that second victims receive appropriate support from this health system. All respondents are included in the above figures and analyses (that is, this was not limited to those who reported awareness of a second victim).

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Personal and Professional Factors Associated With Work-Life Integration Among US Physicians

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Abstract

IMPORTANCE Poor work-life integration (WLI) occurs when career and personal responsibilities come in conflict and may contribute to the ongoing high rates of physician burnout. The characteristics associated with WLI are poorly understood.

OBJECTIVE To identify personal and professional factors associated with WLI in physicians and identify factors that modify the association between gender and WLI.

DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS This cross-sectional study was based on electronic and paper surveys administered October 2017 to March 2018 at private, academic, military, and veteran's practices across the US. It used a population-based sample of US physicians across all medical specialties. Data analysis was performed from November 2019 to July 2020.

MAIN OUTCOMES AND MEASURES WLI was assessed using an 8-item scale (0-100 point scale, with higher scores indicating favorable WLI), alongside personal and professional factors. Multivariable linear regressions evaluated independent associations with WLI as well as factors that modify the association between gender and WLI.

RESULTS Of 5197 physicians completing surveys, 4370 provided complete responses. Of the physicians who provided complete responses, 2719 were men, 3491 were White/Caucasian (80.8%), 3560 were married (82.4%), and the mean (SD) age was 52.3 (12.0) years. The mean (SD) WLI score was 55 (23). Women reported lower (worse) mean (SD) WLI scores than men overall (52 [22] vs 57 [23]; mean difference, -5 [-0.2 SDs]; $P < .001$). In multivariable regression, lower WLI was independently associated with being a woman (linear regression coefficient, -6; SE, 0.7; $P < .001$) as well as being aged 35 years or older (eg, aged 35 to 44 years: linear regression coefficient, -7; SE, 1.4; $P < .001$), single (linear regression coefficient, -3 vs married; SE, 1.1; $P = .003$), working more hours (eg, 50 to 59 hours per week vs less than 40 hours per week: linear regression coefficient, -9; SE, 1.0; $P < .001$) and call nights (linear regression coefficient, -1 for each call night per week; SE, 0.2; $P < .001$), and being in emergency medicine (linear regression coefficient, -18; SE, 1.6, $P < .001$), urology (linear regression coefficient, -11; SE, 4.0; $P = .009$), general surgery (linear regression coefficient, -4; SE, 2.0, $P = .04$), anesthesiology (linear regression coefficient, -4; SE, 1.7, $P = .03$), or family medicine (linear regression coefficient, -3; SE, 1.4; $P = .04$) (reference category, internal medicine subspecialties). In interaction modeling, physician age, youngest child's age, and hours worked per week modified the associations between gender and WLI, such that the largest gender disparities were observed in physicians who were aged 45 to 54 years (estimated WLI score for women, 49; 95% CI, 47-51; estimated WLI score for men, 57, 95% CI, 55-59; $P < .001$), had youngest child aged 23 years or older (estimated WLI score for women, 51; 95% CI, 48-54; estimated WLI score for men, 60; 95% CI, 58-62; $P < .001$), and were working less than 40 hours per week (estimated WLI score for women, 61; 95% CI, 59-63; estimated WLI score for men; 70; 95% CI, 68-72; $P < .001$).

(continued)

Key Points

Question Which personal and professional factors are independently associated with work-life integration in physicians, and which factors modify the association between gender and work-life integration?

Findings In this cross-sectional study based on survey data of 4370 US physicians, women physicians consistently reported significantly worse work-life integration scores independent of other personal and professional factors, with a gender disparity most pronounced for midcareer physicians, those with adult children, and those working fewer hours per week.

Meaning These findings suggest that systemic change is needed to help physicians achieve appropriate integration of work life and home responsibilities.

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n = 4370 US physicians





Table 2. Multivariable Linear Regression Showing Personal and Professional Factors as Independent Variables Associated With Work-Life Integration^a (continued)

Variable	Coefficient (SE)	P value	Overall P value ^b
Hours worked per week (vs <40 h)	0	NA	
40-49	-2 (1.0)	.09	<.001
50-59	-9 (1.0)	<.001	
60-69	-16 (1.1)	<.001	
70-79	-22 (1.4)	<.001	
≥80	-27 (1.5)	<.001	
Call nights per week (per night)	-1 (0.2)	<.001	

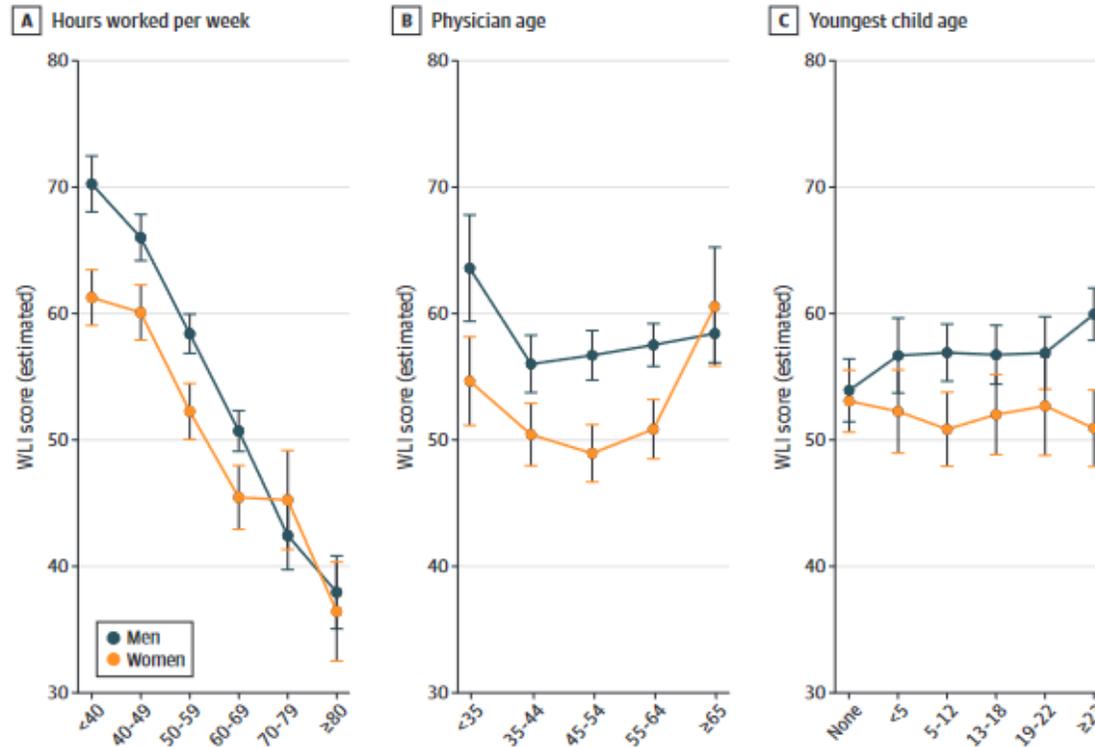
Abbreviation: NA, not applicable.

^a N = 4370 respondents. Dependent variable is work-life integration score (0-100 point scale). Estimates via multivariable linear regression with all covariates shown.

^b Overall P-values for categorical variables via Wald test.

Specialty	Estimated WLI Score
Internal Medicine Subspecialty	
General Internal Medicine	
Psychiatry	
Family Medicine	
General Surgery Subspecialty	
Emergency Medicine	
Orthopedic Surgery	
General Pediatrics	
Anesthesiology	
Pediatric Subspecialty	
Radiology	
Neurology	
Obstetrics and Gynecology	
General Surgery	
Ophthalmology	
Pathology	
Dermatology	
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	
Neurosurgery	
Radiation Oncology	
Otolaryngology	
Urology	
Preventive Medicine / Occupational Medicine	
Other	
Missing	

Figure 2. Multivariable Interaction Models Estimating Work-Life Integration (WLI) Scores



Estimated WLI scores showing the interactions between gender and (A) mean hours worked per week, (B) physician age in years, and (C) age of youngest child in years. Models also adjusted for relationship status and specialty. Error bars denote

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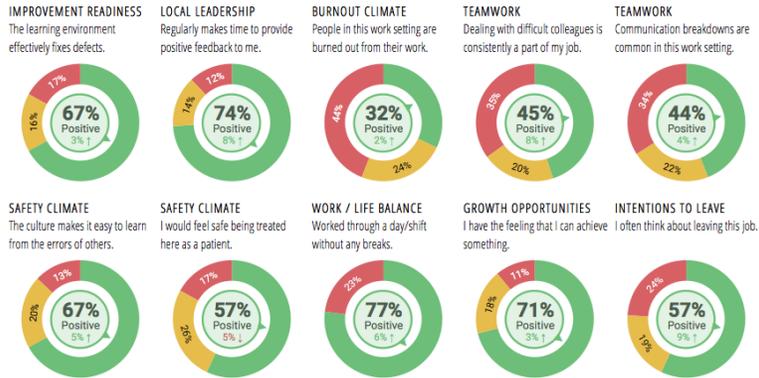
Notable Insights by Percentile and Key SCORE Items

371 respondents in 20 work settings at Demo Hospital

Cultural Strengths		Engagement Strengths	
96th	In the past work week ate a poorly balanced meal.	87th	With respect to the participation in decision making that I experience here, it is clear to whom I should address specific problems.
95th	In the past work week arrived home late from work.	77th	With respect to the participation in decision making that I experience here, the decision making process is clear to me.
90th	In the past work week skipped a meal.	76th	With respect to the participation in decision making that I experience here, I can participate in decisions about the nature of my work.

Cultural Opportunities		Engagement Opportunities	
5th	The values of facility leadership are the same values that people in this work setting think are important.	22nd	With respect to advancement in this organization, I am paid enough for the work I do.
8th	I would feel safe being treated here as a patient.	22nd	With respect to advancement in this organization, this organization pays good salaries.
27th	Disagreements in this work setting are appropriately resolved (i.e., not who is right but what is best for the patient).	28th	With respect to advancement in this organization, I am satisfied with my total benefits package.

Key Drivers of Culture & Engagement (Green is good)



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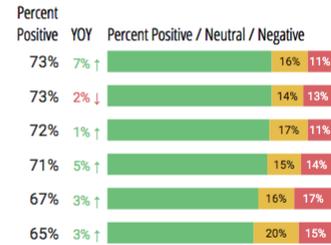
All SCORE Items

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Improvement Readiness

In this work setting, the learning environment...

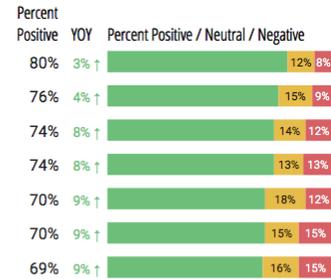
- ...is protected by our local management.
- ...utilizes input/suggestions from the people that work here.
- ...integrates lessons learned from other work settings.
- ...allows us to gain important insights into what we do well.
- ...effectively fixes defects to improve the quality of what we do.
- ...allows us to pause and reflect on what we do well.



Local Leadership

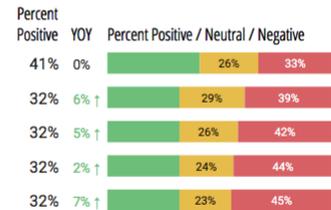
In this work setting, local leadership...

- ...is available at predictable times.
- ...communicates their expectations to me about my performance.
- ...regularly makes time to provide positive feedback to me about how I am doing.
- ...provides useful feedback about my performance.
- ...provides meaningful feedback to people about their performance.
- ...provides frequent feedback about my performance.
- ...regularly makes time to pause and reflect with me about my work.



Burnout Climate

- Events in this work setting affect the lives of people here in an emotionally unhealthy way.
- People in this work setting are working too hard on their jobs.
- People in this work setting are frustrated by their jobs.
- People in this work setting are burned out from their work.
- People in this work setting are exhausted from their work.



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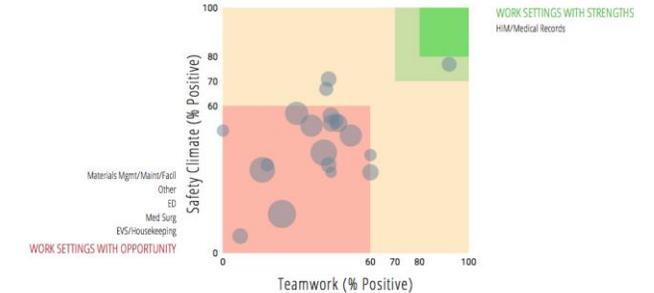


Demo Hospital MAGNET

	Nursing Care	Leadership Access	Autonomy	Interprof. Relationships	RN-to-RN Teamwork	Professional Development	Resources
Benchmark: 2018_q3_us_magnet	67%	63%	44%	44%	69%	31%	10%
WDP Clinical TRANSPORT-6071	✓ 100%	✓ 100%	✓ 88%	✓ 82%	✓ 76%	✓ 82%	✓ 53%
PEDIATRIC - Oncology-6601	✓ 100%	✓ 90%	✓ 95%	✓ 81%	✓ 90%	✓ 76%	✓ 33%
WDP Operations Center-6607	✓ 92%	✓ 92%	✓ 83%	✓ 67%	✓ 75%	✓ 82%	✗ 8%

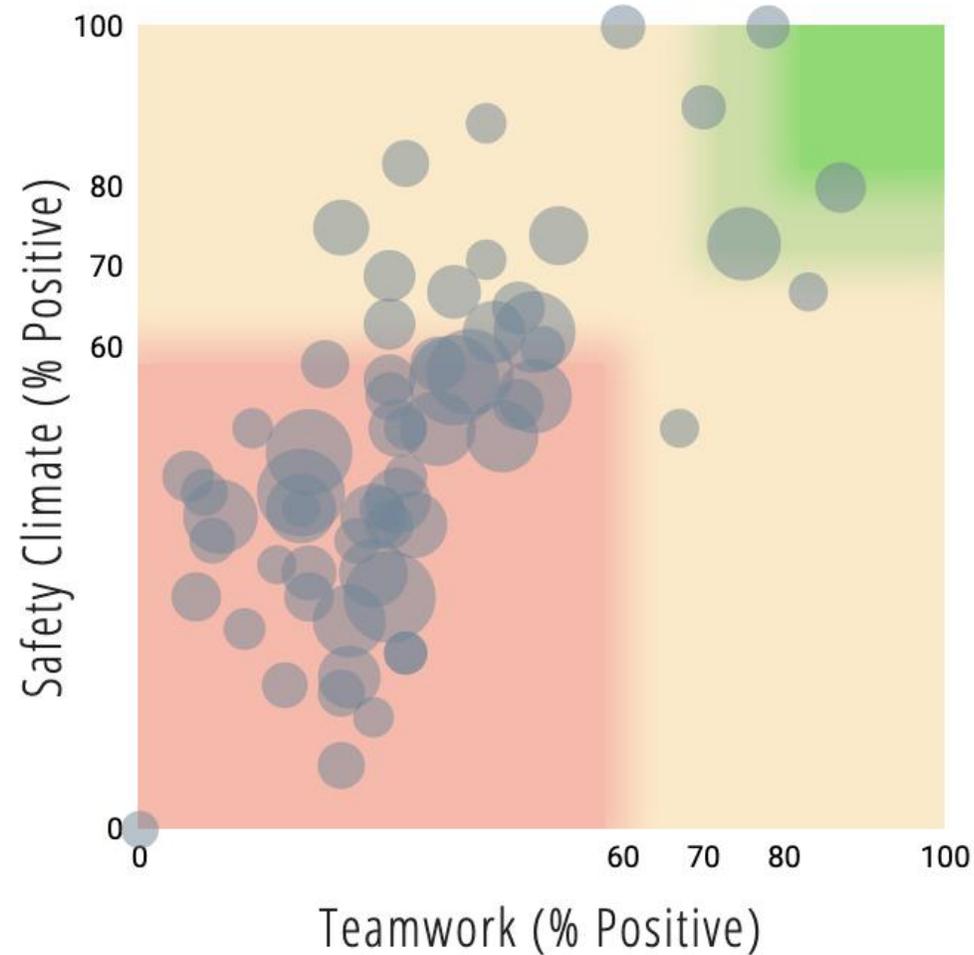
Scatterplots of Key SCORE Domains

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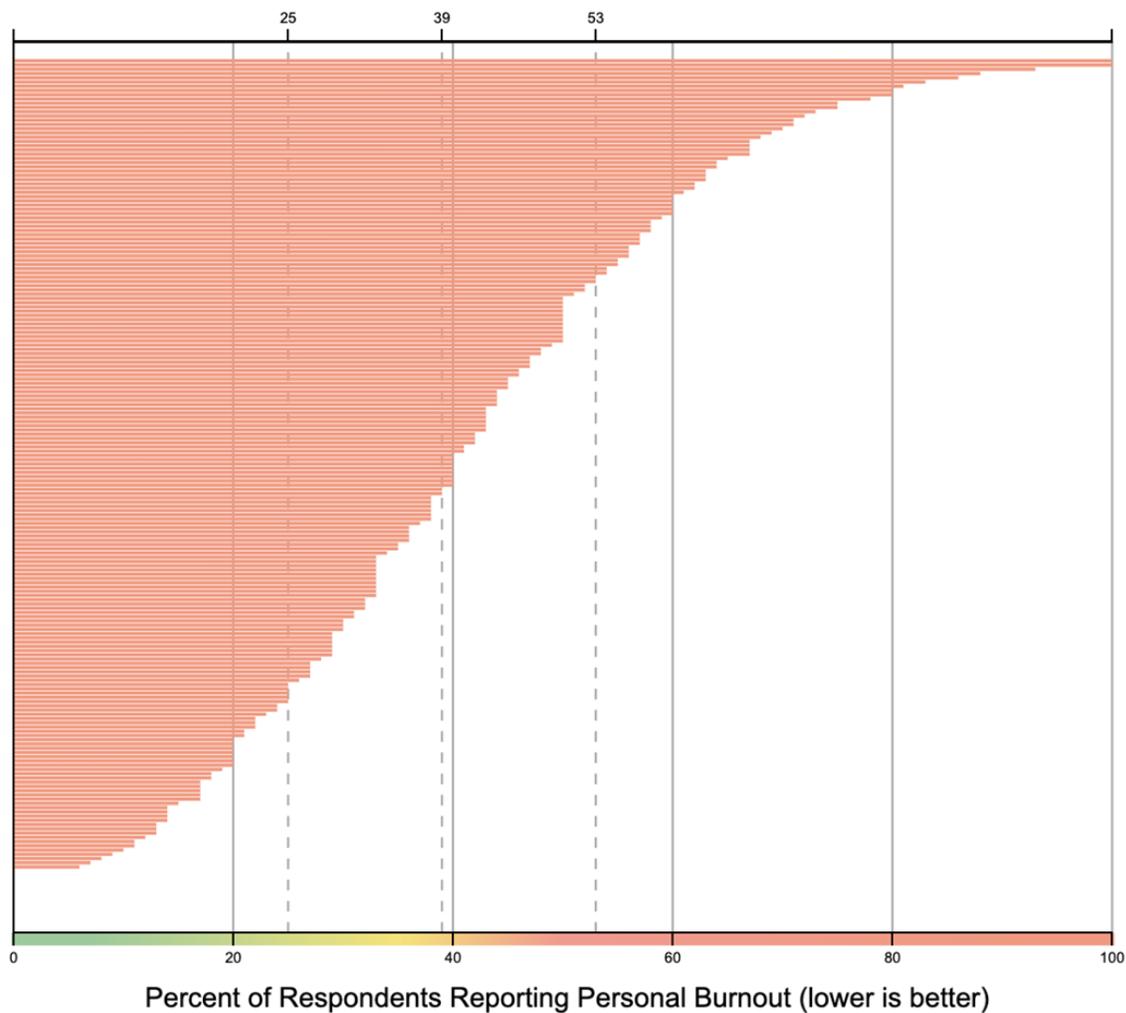
Culture exists locally within each unit/department

You can improve the facility culture by targeting struggling teams



Personal Burnout by Department Variation within the Benchmark

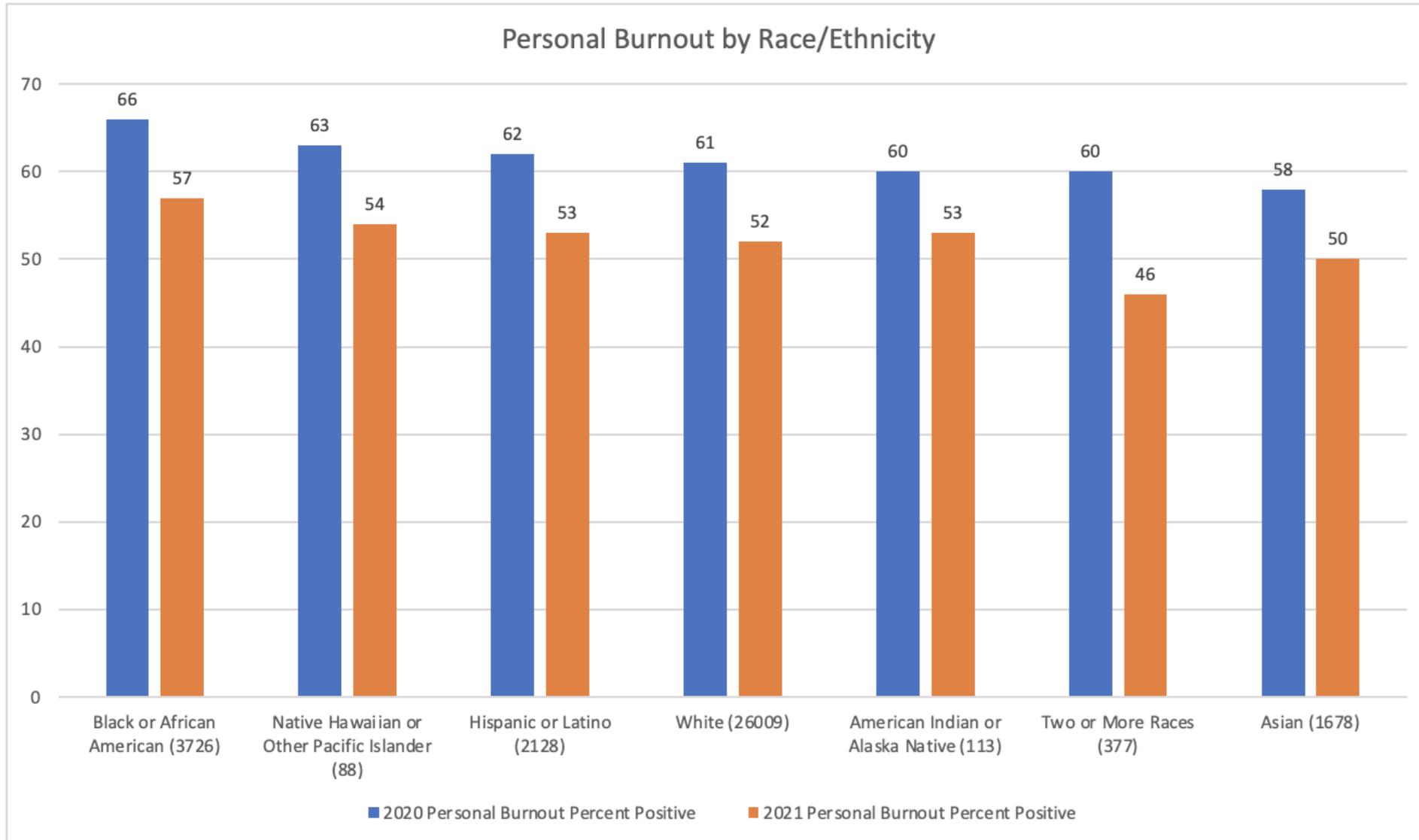
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Benchmarks: 2020 Q3 US Hosp.
25th: 53% 50th: 39% 75th: 25%
Percent Negative Percentile(s)
n = 319713 responses
From 13544 units/departments

Personal Burnout Changes by Race/Ethnicity

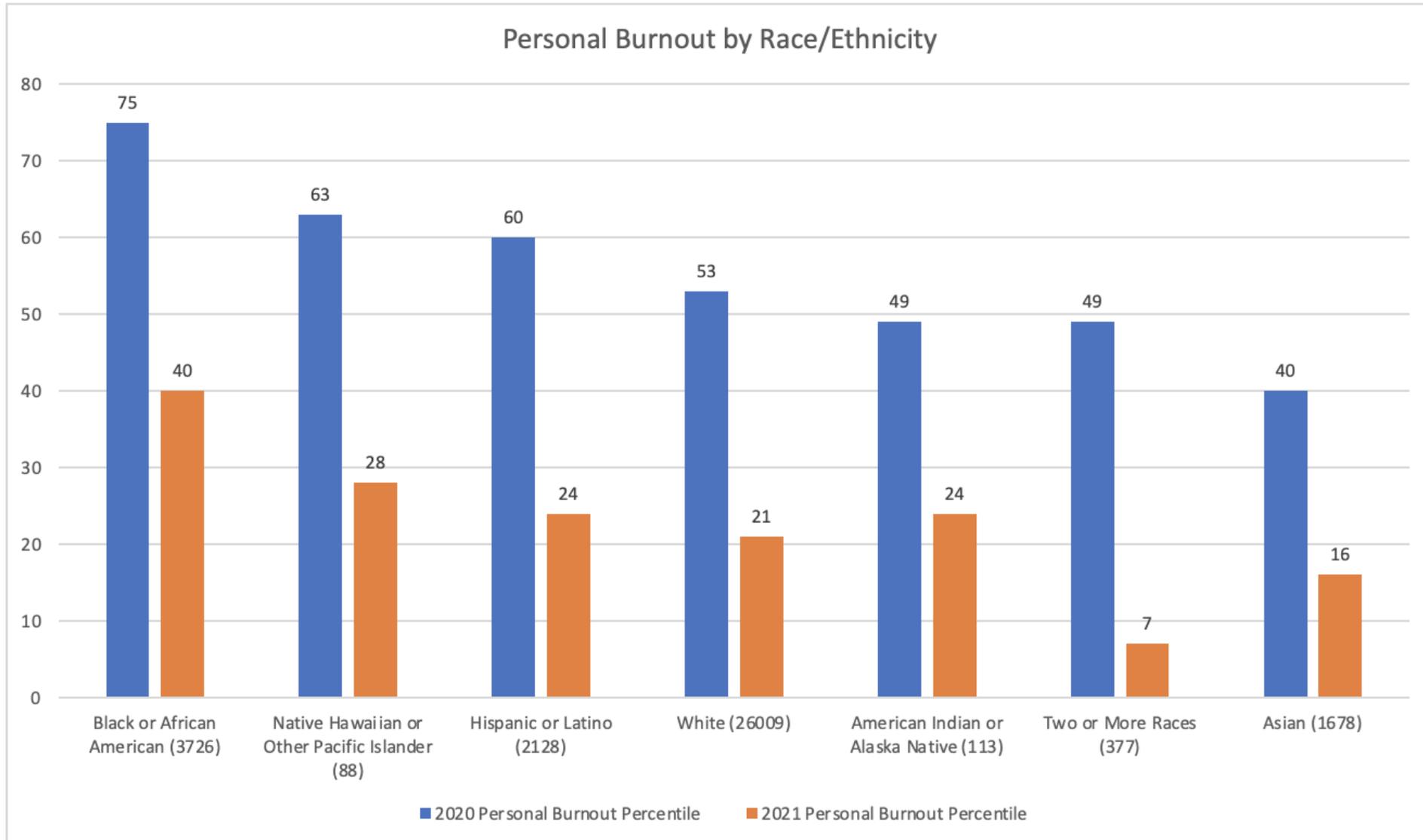
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Data: Pre-Survey of 34,119 respondents in 90+ hospitals: Q1 2020 Post-Survey: Q2 2021

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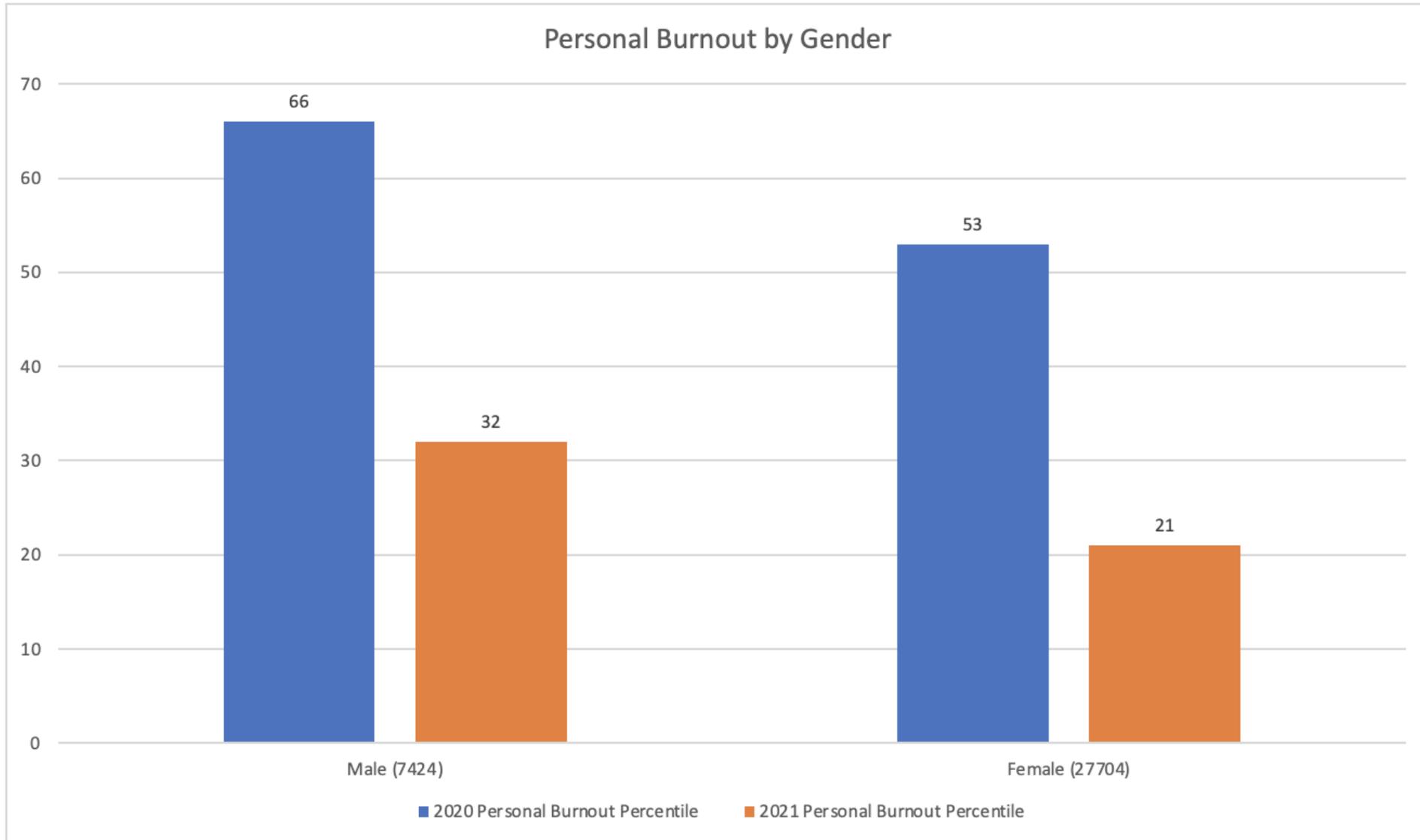
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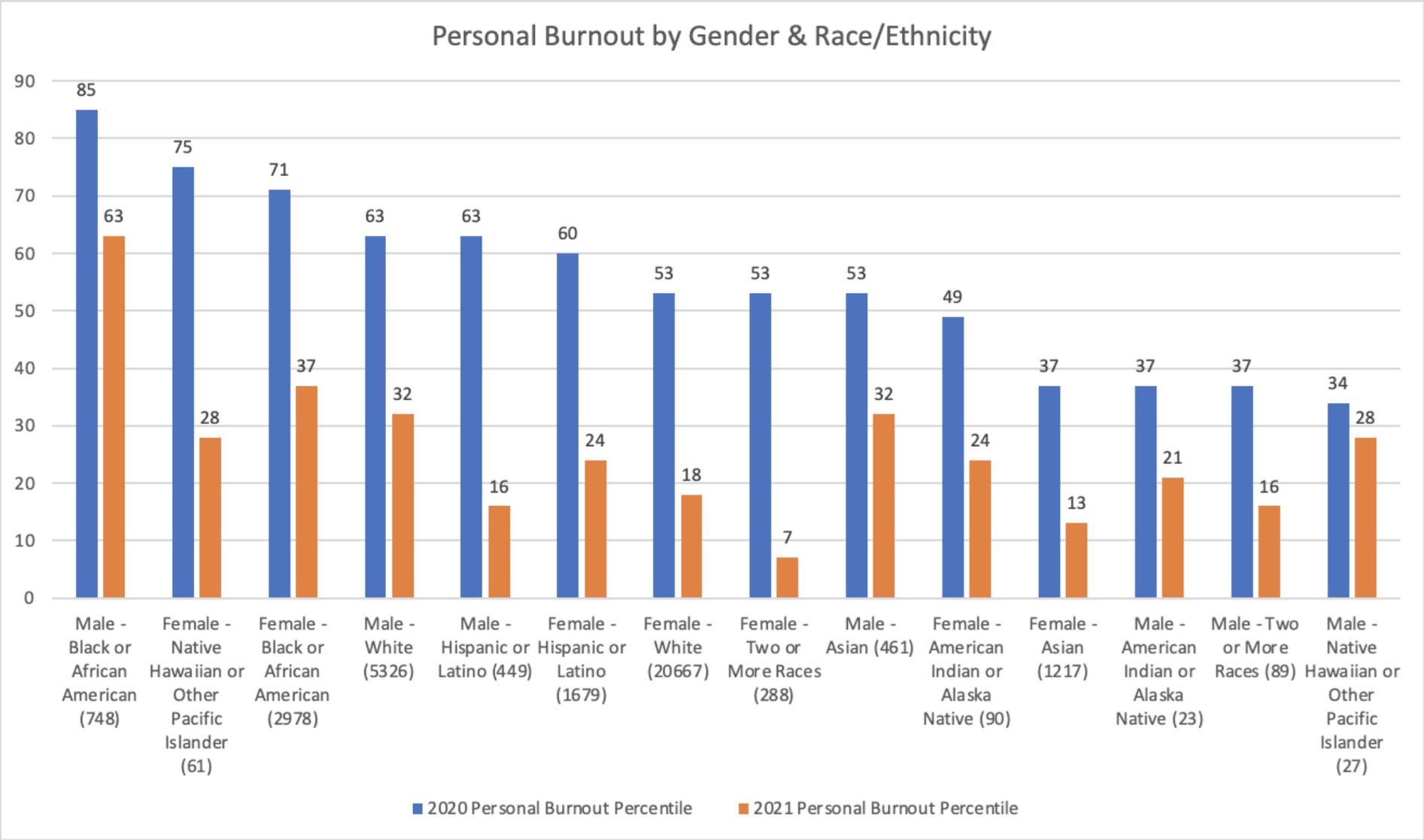
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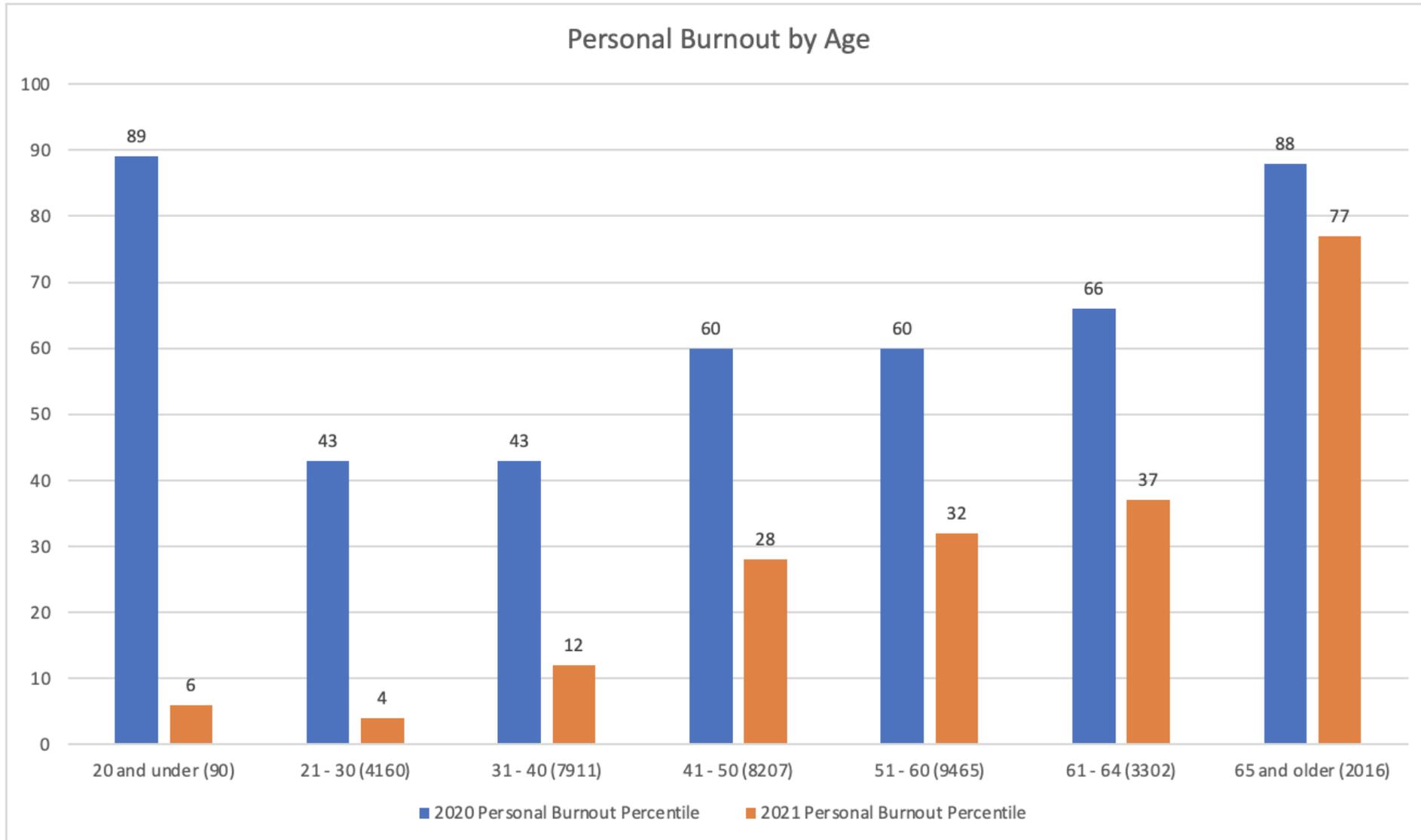
Personal Burnout Changes by Gender & Race/Ethnicity

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Personal Burnout Changes by Age

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Effect of Work from Home during COVID

WFH <50 hours/week
Percent Positive

CULTURE

Improvement Readiness	67%	4% ↓
Local Leadership	64%	4% ↓
Burnout Climate [‡]	36%	10% ↓
Personal Burnout [‡]	52%	10% ↓
Emotional Thriving	59%	5% ↓
Emotional Recovery	67%	5% ↓
Teamwork	46%	1% ↓
Safety Climate	58%	3% ↓
Work / Life Balance	62%	2% ↓

ENGAGEMENT

Growth Opportunities	63%	2% ↓
Job Certainty	70%	5% ↓
Intentions to Leave	86%	3% ↓
Decision Making	46%	3% ↓
Advancement	19%	0%
Workload Strain	65%	4% ↓

WFH 50+ hours/week
Percent Positive

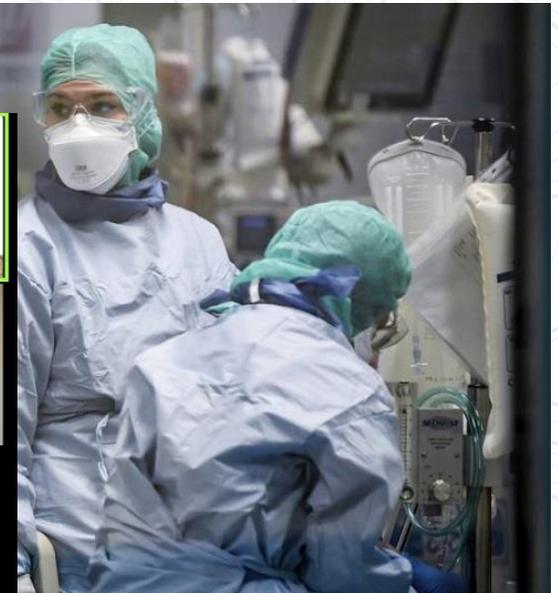
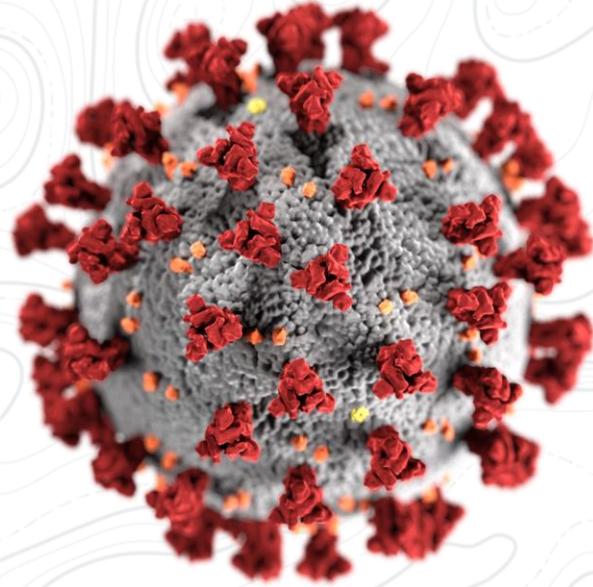
CULTURE

Improvement Readiness	75%	5% ↑
Local Leadership	73%	4% ↑
Burnout Climate [‡]	54%	1% ↑
Personal Burnout [‡]	67%	0%
Emotional Thriving	62%	1% ↑
Emotional Recovery	76%	0%
Teamwork	56%	5% ↑
Safety Climate	68%	5% ↑
Work / Life Balance	74%	0%

ENGAGEMENT

Growth Opportunities	66%	2% ↑
Job Certainty	73%	1% ↑
Intentions to Leave	90%	1% ↑
Decision Making	54%	5% ↑
Advancement	26%	2% ↑
Workload Strain	77%	1% ↑

Challenges & Opportunities Posed by Covid 19



Did Covid Unify or Diversify Us?

- **Highly individualized experiences**
- High Reliability: **Reluctance to simplify interpretations**
- Leaders need a **sophisticated lens** moving forward



Burnout is the Buzzword, But...

- ★ We must be 'reluctant to simplify interpretations'
- ★ We must not assume we understand cause, symptom or solution

- ★ Some people are less burned out
- ★ Some people are more burned out
- ★ Burnout shows up in different ways
- ★ Burnout occurs at different times

*Personal
Accountability*



Understanding Burnout

Symptoms of Burnout

- *Frustration*
- *Emotional exhaustion*
- *Cynicism*
- *Inefficacy*
- *Depersonalization*

*The 'what' but not
the 'why'*



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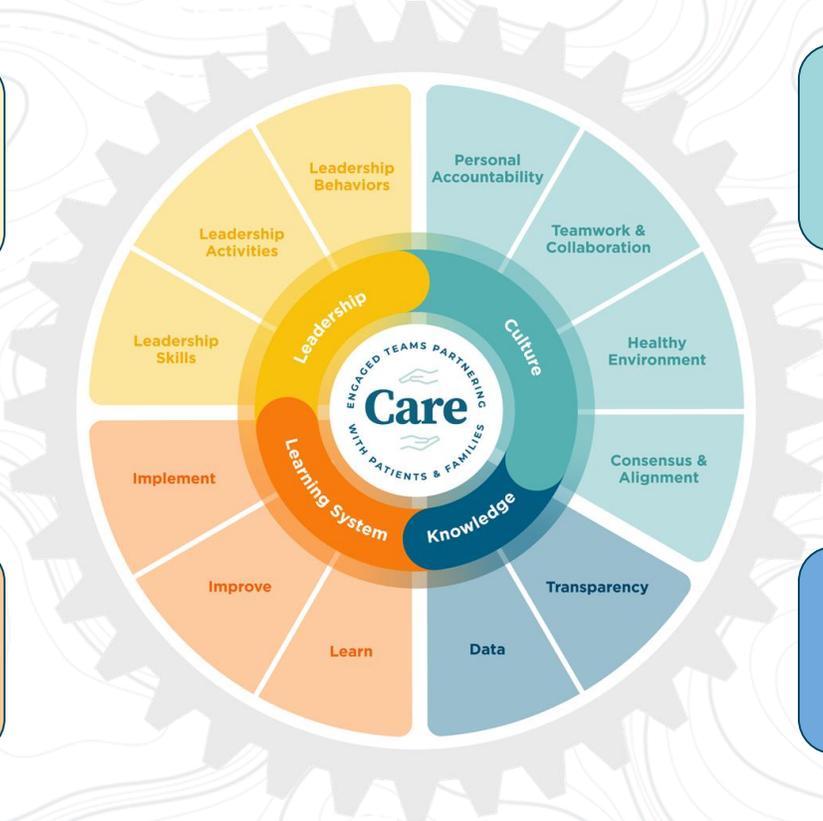
Categorizing the Causes of Frustration, Emotional Exhaustion, Cynicism, Inefficacy, & Depersonalization

Leadership Causes

Cultural Causes

System Causes

Knowledge Causes

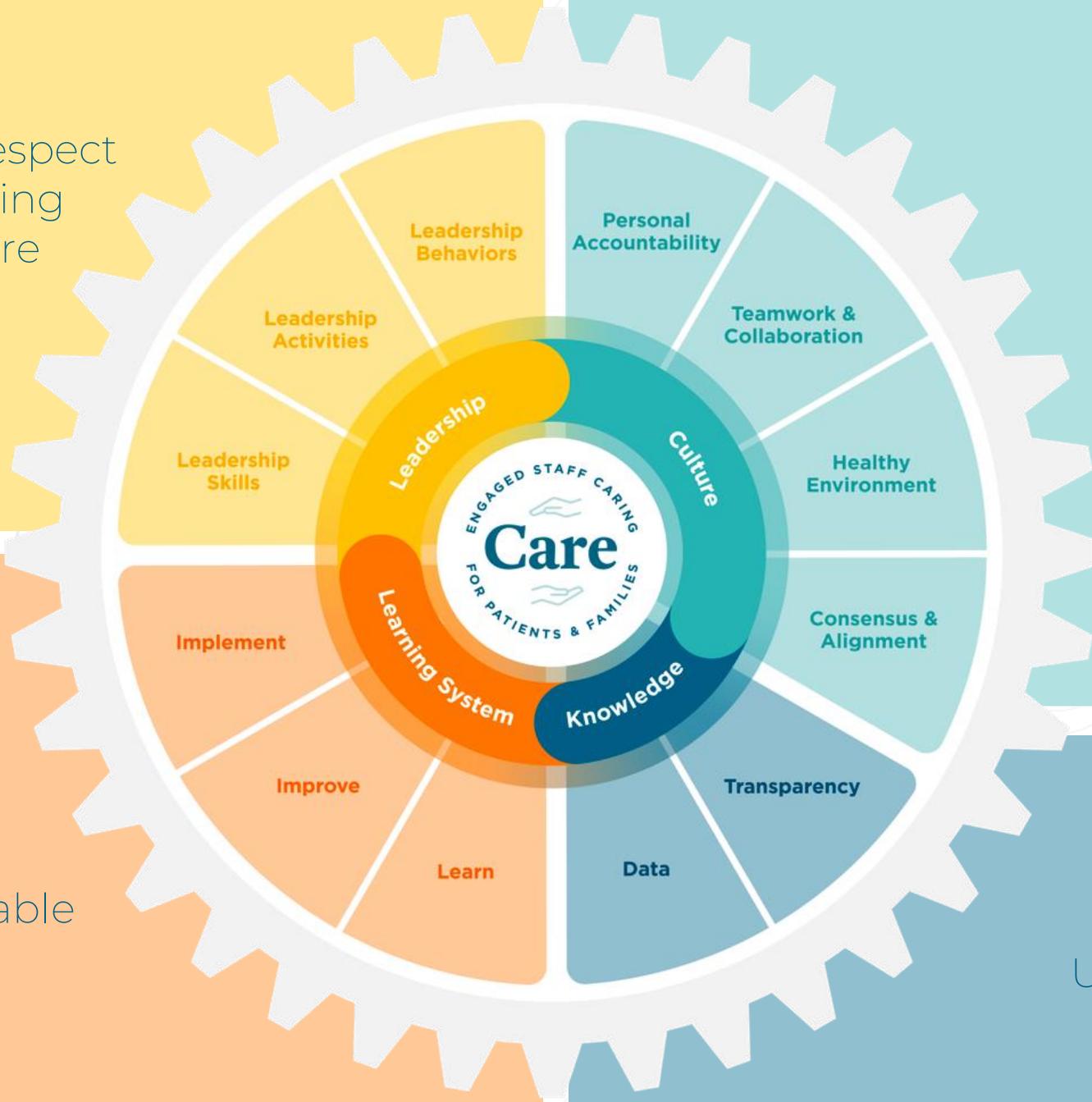


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Non-Negotiable Respect
Guardians of Learning
Exemplars of Culture
Visible Action

CULTURE

Courage
Agency
Community
Collaboration



Self-Reflecting
Improvement-Capable
Sustainable

LEARNING

Clinical
Operational
and Cultural
Measurement
Up-to-Date and Visible

KNOWLEDGE

Thinking of a time when you have personally experienced burnout in the last twelve months...

- Which of these symptoms resonate the most with your experience?
 - Frustration, Emotional Exhaustion, Cynicism, Inefficacy, Depersonalization
- Can you identify the causes?

Leadership
Causes

Cultural
Causes

Knowledge
Causes

System
Causes

Factors Influencing Burnout *and* Resilience

Do I feel valued by the organization?

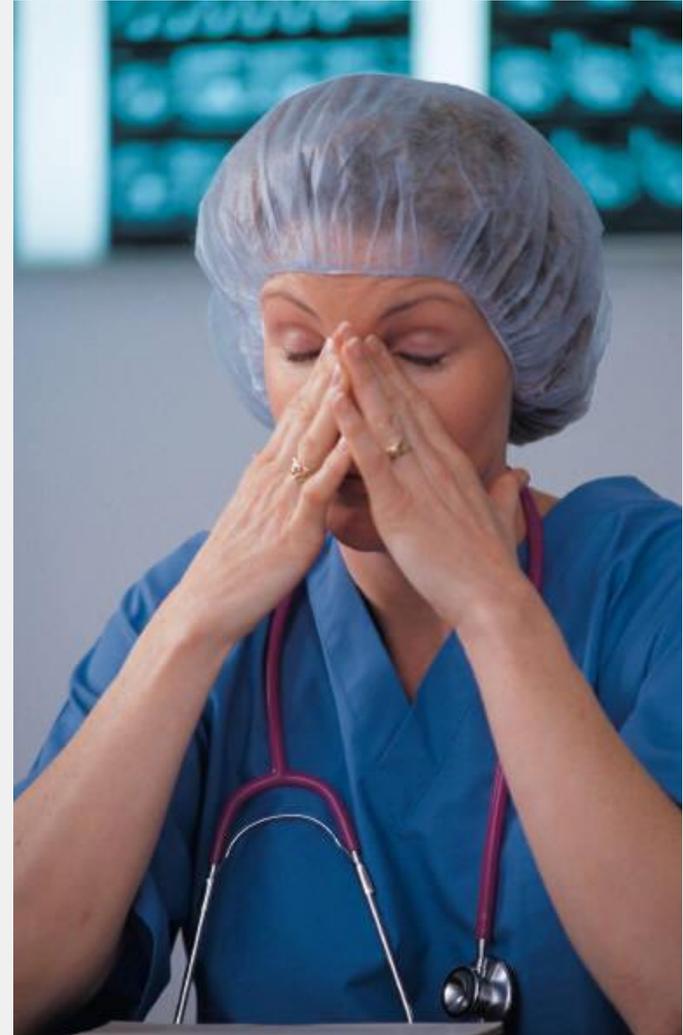
Do I have a voice?

Do I feel supported in the work I do?

Do I have the tools and resources to do my job?

Personal Accountability

How effectively do I provide these things to others?



Transformational Leaders

- **Create meaningful relationships** of trust, psychological safety and community
- **Set a positive tone and proactive stance**
- **Ask questions (Appreciative Inquiry) and listen**
- **‘Think out loud’:** establish shared mental models
“Here’s what I’m thinking, what are you thinking?”
- **Encourage and welcome diverse opinions, ideas & solutions**
- **Feel safe to “improvise” and learn**



How do I ‘show up’?
When do I ‘show up’?

6 Simple Rules

1. Be Visible; *'Go to the Gemba'*



2. Listen... Listen... Listen



3. Pause and Reflect



4. Be Curious and Appreciative



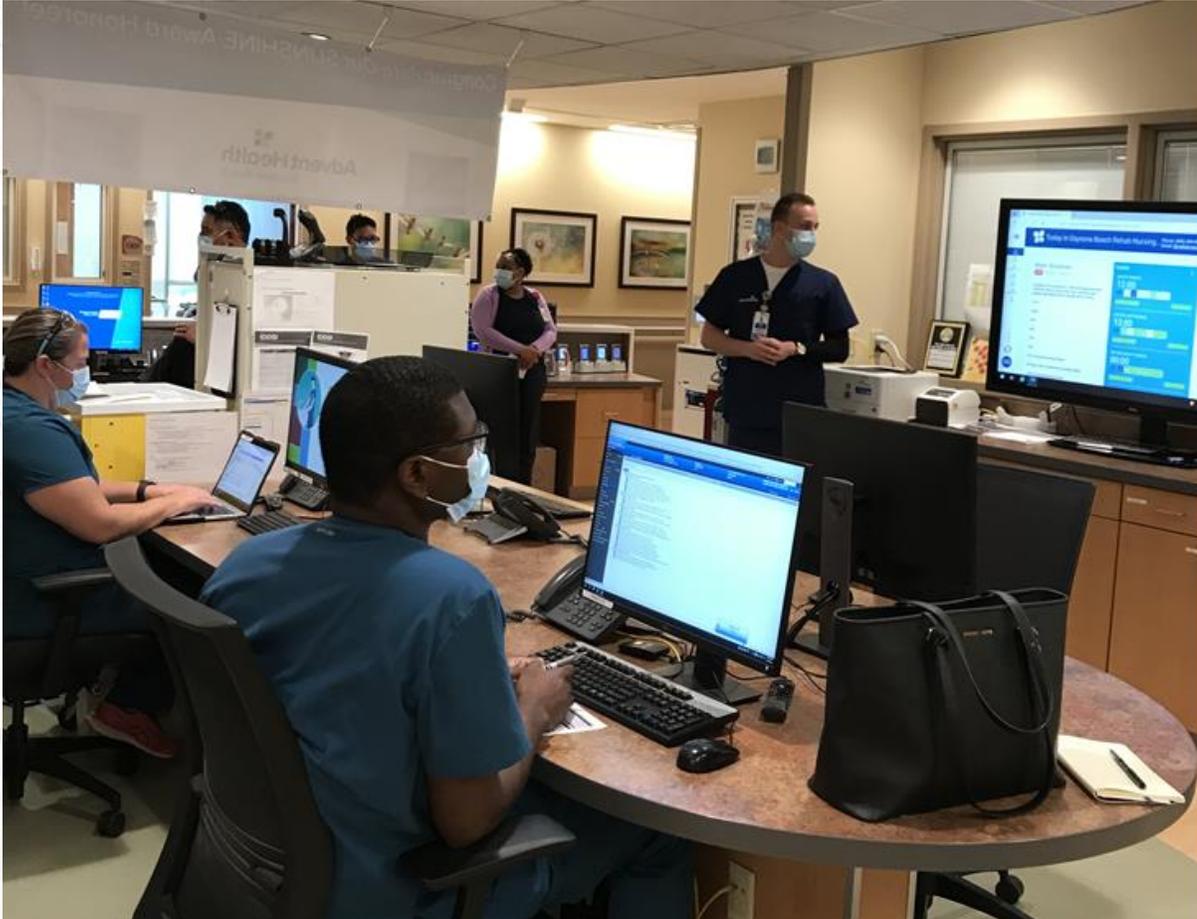
5. Message the Mission. Mobilize others for a collective purpose



6. Ask for their Thoughts and Ideas



Resilience Intervention: Visual Management



Effective visual management systems drive cultural change, learning, staff engagement in “voice” and problem solving and allows the real-time sharing of data, stories and progress.

Visual management is not a panacea...

- More than just another 'tick-box initiative'



- Visual Management Systems are a high-reliability intervention that diminishes leadership, cultural, knowledge and system causes of burnout, and builds team resilience.

Stories & Exemplars 'from the field'



Burnout Reflections

Some **leadership pitfalls** in an environment of burnout:

- **Heroism**
- **The pizza party**
- **The right actions but the wrong communication**

Some **leadership successes** in an environment of burnout:

- **Visual management is daily work**
- **Measuring culture**
SCORE
- **Showing up, no matter what**
- **Effective bidirectional communication ensuring value alignment**



Smoothing the Path Ahead

Leaders need:

1. To know what burnout is (symptoms)
2. To understand where burnout exists (data)
3. To explore the causes of burnout (causal analytics)
4. To co-create wellness with the frontline (solutions)

Questions?



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