

#### **Burnout: An Academic Perspective**

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# Burnout: Background

- Maslach 1<sup>st</sup> to study it
- Individual risk factors
- An environmental problem
- "Major mismatch between the nature of the job and the nature of the person who does the job"
- Emotional exhaustion, depersonalization, reduced personal accomplishment



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oj4w7i-TqsE



# **Contributors to Burnout**

- Demographics
  - Female 48% vs. male 38%
  - Age 45-54
- Radiology #7 of 29 specialties





Maslach C, The Truth about Burnout: How Organizations Cause Personal Stress and What to Do About It. San Francisco, CA:Jossey-Bass; 1997; Medscape Burnout and Depression Survey, 2018

# **Being Female: Academics**

- Promotion
- Leadership opportunities
- Invisible
- Gender stereotypes
  - Men: competent
  - Women: incompetent
- "Bro" environment at some meetings





- #Time'sUp

## Management

- Hierarchical
- Poor communication
- Lacking fairness
  - Salary, time, workload
- No empathy
  - No positive acknowledgment
  - We are expendable
- Sucks the joy out of work



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# Operations

- Inefficiencies
- Understaffing
- EMR, PACS, IT
- Much non-interpretive work
- Interruptions
- Emphasis on volume vs. value
- Loss of autonomy and control





<u>J Am Coll Radiol.</u> 2016 Oct;13(10):1210-1214. Epub 2016 Jun 14

http://capreform.eu/simplification-as-a-top-priority-in-2015; J<u>Am Coll Radiol.</u> 2016 Oct;13(10):1210-1214. Epub 2016 Jun 14

# Environment

- Isolation
- Off-site rotations
- Increased commutes
- Diminished interaction w other radiologists, trainees, department





# Symptoms

- Medical problems
  - Migraine, arrhythmias, depression, anxiety, GI, cardiac issues, back pain, MSK symptoms, exhaustion, insomnia
  - Absenteeism
- Overwhelmed by daily stresses
- Diminished:
  - Concentration, initiative
  - Civility
- Dread going to work, can't wake up





https://lifehacker.com/why-insomnia-happens-and-what-you-can-do-to-get-better-1746010695

Maslach c. Burnout: The Cost of Caring. Los Altos, CA: Malor Books; 2015

# **Solutions**

- Stop
- Reflect
- How did I get here?
- Where do I want to go?





http://www.architectureartdesigns.com/30-magical-zen-gardens/

# What is Your "Why"?

- What drives you?
- What gives you purpose?



https://cranialintelligence.com/2010/04/27/the-horizon-and-the-central-nervous-system/

https://www.kevinmd.com/blog/2018/04/physicians-find-your-why-to-help-with-burnout.html



## What Can You Control?

- Invest in:
  - Self
    - Sleep, exercise, nutrition, hobbies, gratitude
  - Relationships
- Diminish isolation
- Live WAY below your means!





## Time Management

- Can only manage self, not time
- Everything takes longer than you think
- Say 'no' more often







- Get a sponsor
- Mentor others
- What brings you joy?
- Choose only projects that align with your interests or goals
- Bias: discuss and share
  - Don't "shame"



• Document accomplishments



https://treeottawa.files.wordpress.com/2014/05/pbt-hero.jpg

## Problem

• Mindfulness and individual solutions only get me so far...

• What about my (insert adjective here) work environment?





http://cliparting.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Question-marks-clipart-2.jpg

#### Your Work Flow

- Optimize EMR, VR, etc.
- What can you fix?
- What do you have to make peace with?

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# Your Teaching

- Who's with you today?
- Teach to learner level
  - Med students
  - Residents
  - Fellows
  - Faculty observers

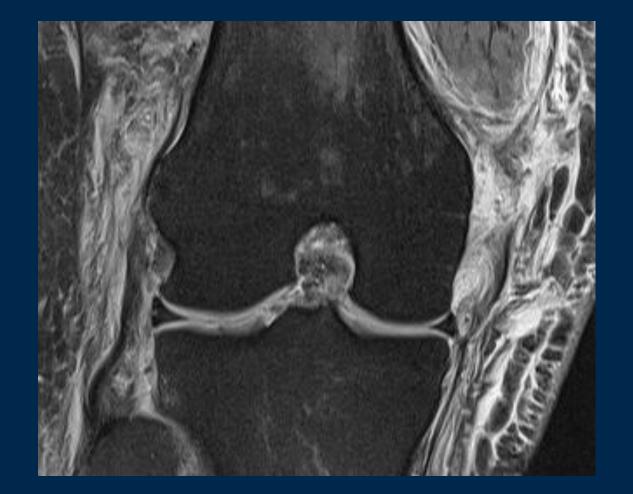




# Your Clinical Expertise

- Focus on your strengths
- Be the expert at what you love
- Don't sweat the small stuff

 Document your accomplishments





# Your Network

- Section
- Department
- Women in Radiology group\*
- National societies
- Mentors
- Sponsors
- Social media



• Isolation = despair



Gaetke-Udager K et al. AJR Am J Roentgenol. 2018 Apr 27:W1-W5.--https://www.aeroprofessional.com---HewlittSA, "Forget a Mentor, Find a Sponsor" HBR Press, 2013.

#### Assistants

#### • At U of M:

- Reading room coordinators
- Physician Assistants
- Technologist Assistants
- MSK US Techs
- Administrative assistants





#### **Take Home Points**

- Develop your self before your career
- Focus on the things that bring you joy
- Avoid isolation
- Optimize what you can, make peace with the rest
- Find your "why"





https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction\_Review-g60834-d126771-Reviews-Rainbow\_Bridge\_National\_Monument-Page\_Arizona.html



#### Thank You

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