Managing Adversity in the Medical Environment:
Developing a Program for Medical Team Mental Health and Wellness Needs
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Introduction

• Burnout rates between 45-54% among physicians,
• Healthcare professionals experiencing increased:
  • disengagement
  • compassion fatigue
  • depression
  • suicide.
• Barriers to seeking self-care include:
  • time constraints
  • treatment cost
  • concerns about confidentiality
  • perceived stigma
  • uncertainty about efficacy
  • Problems maintaining license/hospital privileges

The University of Florida-Jacksonville developed the Center for Healthy Minds and Practice (CHaMP) to provide mental health and wellness opportunities to all local employees from the University and Hospital.

Goal/Mission Statement

The goal of CHaMP is to promote wellness, employee engagement, and resilience among all employees at UF Health-Jacksonville through prevention programs, educational outreach, program evaluation, and comprehensive mental/behavioral health programs designed to serve the unique needs of health care providers and employees.

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