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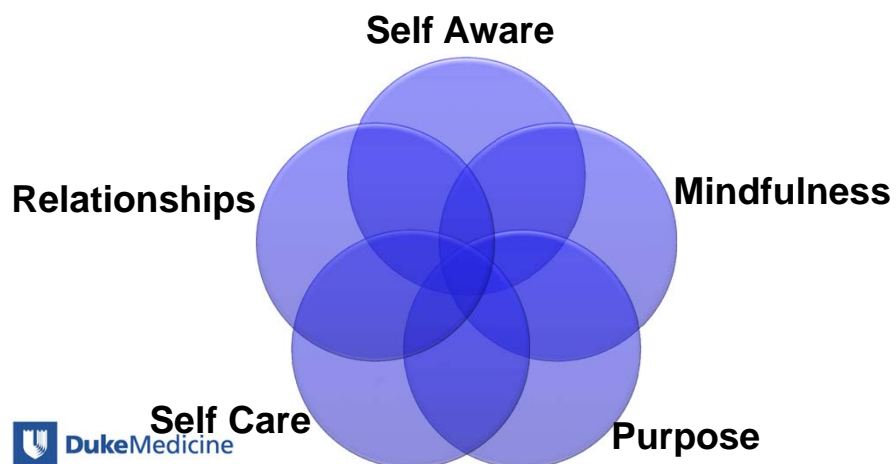
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## Resilience



## What is Resilience?

- Traditionally, resilience has come to mean an individual's ability to overcome adversity and continue his or her normal development.
- More recently and cross-culturally (Ungar, 2008): " In the context of exposure to significant adversity, whether psychological, environmental, or both, resilience is both the capacity of individuals to navigate their way to health-sustaining resources, including opportunities to experience feelings of well-being, and a condition of the individual's family, community and culture to provide these health resources and experiences in culturally meaningful ways."

## Resilience across Cultures

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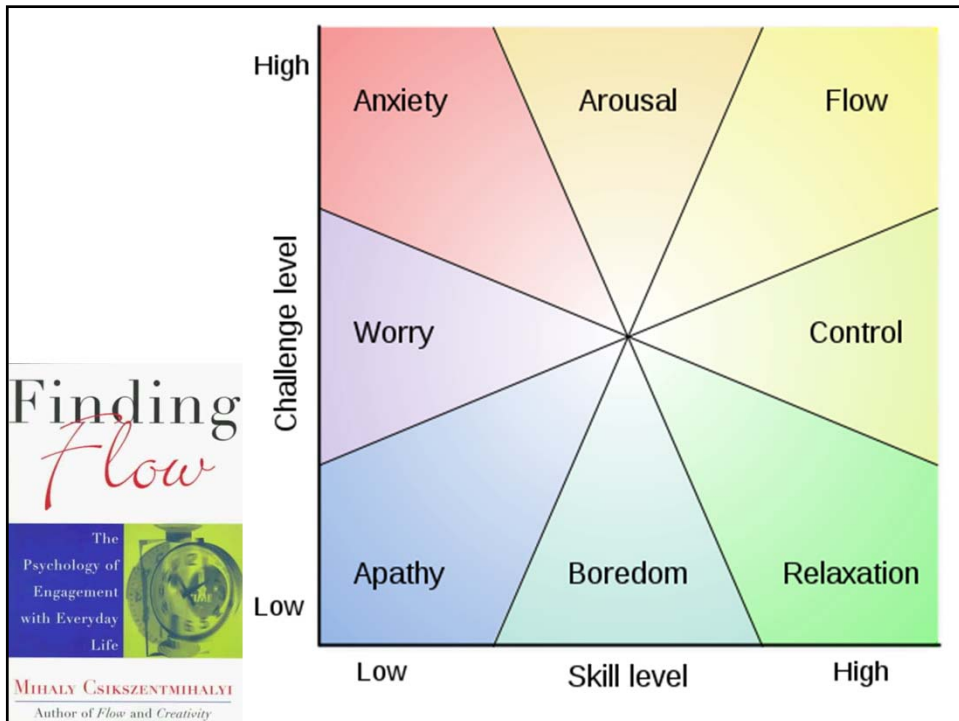
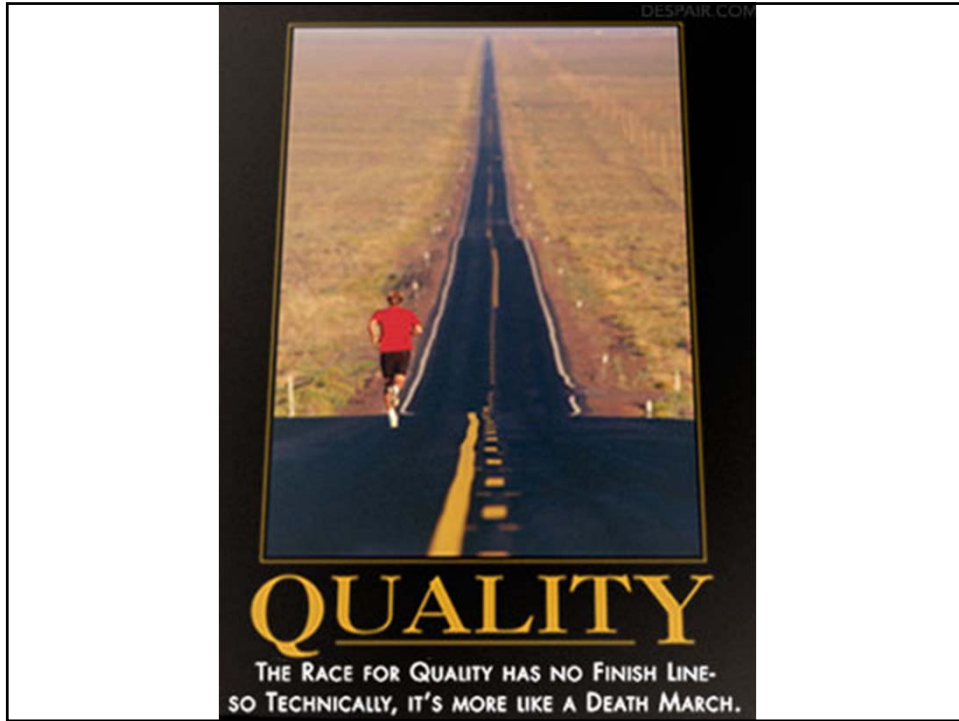
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### Summary

Findings from a mixed methods study of over 1500 youth globally support four propositions to a more culturally and contextually embedded understanding of resilience: 1) aspects of resilience that are global, as well as culturally and contextually specific aspects to youth that contribute to their resilience; 2) aspects of resilience that exert different influence on a child's life depending on the specific culture and context in which resilience is realized; 3) aspects of children's lives that contribute to their resilience.

Resilience is a function of your ability to cope, and the availability of resources related to health and well-being.

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Major article

### Nurse staffing, burnout, and health care--associated infection

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**Key Words:**  
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**Background:** Each year, nearly 7 million hospitalized patients acquire infections while being treated for other conditions. Nurse staffing has been implicated in the spread of infection within hospitals, yet little evidence is available to explain this association.

**Methods:** We linked nurse survey data to the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council report on hospital infections and the American Hospital Association Annual Survey. We examined urinary tract and surgical site infection, the most prevalent infections reported and those likely to be acquired on any unit within a hospital. Linear regression was used to estimate the effect of nurse and hospital characteristics on health care-associated infections.

**Results:** There was a significant association between patient-to-nurse ratio and urinary tract infection (0.86;  $P = .02$ ) and surgical site infection (0.93;  $P = .04$ ). In a multivariate model controlling for patient severity and nurse and hospital characteristics, only nurse burnout remained significantly associated with urinary tract infection (0.82;  $P = .03$ ) and surgical site infection (1.56;  $P < .01$ ) infection. Hospitals in which burnout was reduced by 30% had a total of 6,239 fewer infections, for an annual cost saving of up to \$68 million.

**Conclusions:** We provide a plausible explanation for the association between nurse staffing and health care-associated infections. Reducing burnout in registered nurses is a promising strategy to help control infections in acute care facilities.

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# The most expensive real estate in the body



- 2% of total bodyweight
- 20% of oxygen
- 20-30% of Kcals
- More neurons than stars in the galaxy

# Prefrontal Cortex



- Ability to regulate emotions and be socially appropriate
- Logic & Reason:
  - Focus, empathy, foresight, organization, learning from mistakes, insight, planning, judgment
- Busier in women than in men



## Example of impact on critical care nurses

- half are emotionally exhausted (burned out)
- 2 out of 3 have difficulty sleeping
- 1 out of 4 are clinically depressed

Sexton, et al. (2009). Palliative Care.

## Am I burned out?

- You try to be everything to everyone
- You get to the end of a hard day at work, and feel like you have not made a meaningful difference
- You feel like the work you are doing is not recognized
- You identify so strongly with work that you lack a reasonable balance between work and your personal life
- Your job varies between monotony and chaos
- You feel you have little or no control over your work
- You work in healthcare



Burnout ≠ Lazy

# Are they burned out?

## A brief tour of prevalence...

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### Physician Burnout

#### A Potential Threat to Successful Health Care Reform

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**D**ISCUSSIONS OF BARRIERS TO SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act have largely focused on legislative, logistic, and legal hurdles. Notably absent from these discussions is how the health care reform measures may affect the emotional health of physicians.

Burnout is common among physicians in the United States, with an estimated 30% to 40% experiencing burnout.<sup>1</sup> Many aspects of patient care may be compromised by burnout. Physicians with burnout are more likely to report making medical errors, score lower on instruments measuring patient care, and have a higher likelihood of retiring early.

such as those expenses associated with reporting quality-based measures, will be an additional ongoing practice expense. These and other new regulations and reporting requirements (eg, requiring reporting of patient outcome data and guideline adherence for payment) will also increase the administrative burden for physicians on each patient for whom they provide care. Indeed physicians in Massachusetts report seeing more patients,<sup>8</sup> reducing the time they spend with each patient, dealing with greater administrative requirements, and experiencing a detrimental financial impact after implementation of the Massachusetts Health Insurance Reform Law.<sup>9</sup> If physicians nationally have a similar experience with health care reform, it is likely to result in increased workload that will exacerbate the challenge physicians have balancing their personal and professional life. Thus, health care reform that are likely to improve patient care and reduce physician workload and stress. The introduction of a

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out in physicians.<sup>2,3</sup> Some aspects of health care reform are likely to exacerbate many of these stressors and thus may

reform that are likely to improve patient care and reduce physician workload and stress. The introduction of a

# Burnout Comparison Among Residents in Different Medical Specialties (49% 27-75%) Martini et al. 2004, Academic Psychiatry

**Objective:** To investigate resident burnout in relation to work and home-related factors. **Method:** Maslach Burnout Inventory was mailed to residents in eight different medical specialties, with a response rate of 35%. **Results:** Overall, 50% of residents met burnout criteria, ranging from 75% (obstetric/gynecology) to 27% (family medicine). The first year of residency, being single, personal stress, and dissatisfaction with faculty were independently associated with burnout. **Conclusions:** Efforts to reduce resident burnout nationally would benefit from expanding beyond the work-hours regulation. (Academic Psychiatry 2004; 28:240-242)

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MARTINI ET AL.

**TABLE 1. Percentage of Residents Meeting Criteria for Burnout by Specialty**

| Specialty*            | Number of Residents | Residents Responding |    | Burnout Rate (%) |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----|------------------|
|                       |                     | N                    | %  |                  |
| Obstetrics/gynecology | 36                  | 12                   | 33 | 75               |
| Internal medicine     | 114                 | 24                   | 21 | 63               |
| Neurology             | 16                  | 8                    | 50 | 63               |
| Ophthalmology         | 21                  | 5                    | 24 | 60               |
| Dermatology           | 10                  | 6                    | 60 | 50               |
| General surgery       | 59                  | 25                   | 42 | 40               |
| Psychiatry            | 29                  | 15                   | 52 | 40               |
| Family medicine       | 36                  | 15                   | 42 | 27               |
| Total                 | 321                 | 110                  | 35 | 49               |

\*Three responders did not report program affiliation.

## Burnout and psychiatric morbidity in new medical graduates

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To gain unconditional medical registration, all Australian medical graduates undertake a year of internship within the public hospital system. The intern year has historically been seen as a trial of spirit and stamina and a primary initiation rite,<sup>1</sup> and represents an initiation into a challenging career where a stoic work ethic is the dominant culture and personal needs are secondary to the needs of both patients and employers. The internship period has been associated with elevated levels of psychiatric morbidity (including depression and anxiety)<sup>2-4</sup> and burnout.<sup>5</sup> Levels of depression and anxiety reported among interns are greater than for the general community, and increase significantly

### ABSTRACT

**Objective:** To determine the prevalence of psychiatric morbidity and burnout in final-year medical students, and changes in these measures during the intern year.

**Design:** Prospective longitudinal cohort study over 18 months, with assessment of psychiatric morbidity and burnout on six occasions.

**Participants:** All 117 students in the first graduating cohort of the University of Sydney Graduate Medical Program were invited to participate in the study; 110 consented.

**Outcome measures:** Psychiatric morbidity assessed with the 28-item General Health Questionnaire and burnout assessed with the Maslach Burnout Inventory.

**Results:** The point prevalence of participants meeting criteria for psychiatric morbidity and burnout rose steadily throughout the study period.

**Conclusions:** Internship remains a stressful time for medical graduates, despite initiatives to better support them during this period. The implications for the doctors themselves and for the communities they serve warrant further attention, including programs specifically aimed at reducing the rate of psychological morbidity and burnout during internship.

3 Maslach Burnout Inventory subscale scores (mean [SD]) for 101 participating medical students in their final year at study enrolment (Time 1)

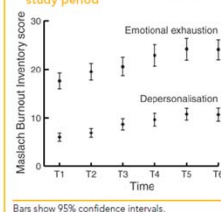
| Subscale                     | Participating medical students | Normative data*      |                       |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
|                              |                                | Medical practitioner | Post-secondary school |
| Personal accomplishment (PA) | 36.74 (6.72)                   | 36.53 (7.34)         | 39.17 (7.92)          |
| Emotional exhaustion (EE)    | 17.57 (8.27)                   | 22.19 (10.53)        | 18.57 (11.95)         |
| Depersonalisation (DP)       | 5.99 (4.32)                    | 7.12 (5.22)          | 5.57 (6.63)           |

\* Occupational subgroups (data from the Maslach Burnout Inventory manual)<sup>3</sup>

point (with a GHQ case-identification score of >7 to increase the specificity of the instrument), emotional exhaustion was strongly associated with risk of psychiatric

equivalent to rates reported for an Australian youth cohort. Prevalences increase significantly during internship, with 70% meeting criteria for psychiatric disturbance

4 Mean emotional exhaustion and depersonalisation scores over the study period



### ORIGINAL INVESTIGATION

## Career Fit and Burnout Among Academic Faculty

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**Background:** Extensive literature documents personal distress among physicians and a decrease in their satisfaction with the practice of medicine over recent years. We hypothesized that physicians who spent more of their time in the aspect of work that they found most meaningful would have a lower risk of burnout.

**Methods:** Faculty physicians in the Department of Internal Medicine at a large academic medical center were

**34% of faculty members met the criteria for burnout**

the percentage of effort that was devoted to each activity.

**Results:** Of 556 physicians sampled, 465 (84%) returned surveys. A majority (68%) reported that patient care was the aspect of work that they found most mean-

ingful, with smaller percentages reporting research (19%), education (9%), or administration (3%) as being most meaningful. Overall, 34% of faculty members met the criteria for burnout. The amount of time spent working on the most meaningful activity was strongly related to the risk of burnout. Those spending less than 20% of their time (approximately 1 d/wk) on the activity that is most meaningful to them had higher rates of burnout (53.8% vs 29.9%;  $P < .001$ ). Time spent on the most meaningful activity was the largest predictor of burnout on multivariate analysis (odds ratio, 2.75;  $P = .001$ ).

**Conclusions:** The extent to which faculty physicians are able to focus on the aspect of work that is most meaningful to them has a strong inverse relationship to their risk of burnout. Efforts to optimize career fit may promote physician satisfaction and help to reduce attrition among academic faculty physicians.

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## Preventing Burnout in Academic Medicine

Mark Linzer, MD: *Arch Intern Med.* 2009;169(10):927-928

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Table 4 | Nurse outcomes in 12 European countries and the US. Data are number of nurses reporting outcome/total number of nurses surveyed, and percentage

| Country     | Reported ward to have poor or fair quality of care | Gave ward poor or failing safety grade | Regarded themselves to be burnt out | Dissatisfied with job | Intended to leave their job in the next year | Not confident that patients can manage own care after hospital discharge | Not confident that hospital management would resolve patients' problems |
|-------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|---|
| Belgium     | 886/3167 28  | 199/3150 6                             | 730/2938 25                         | 680/3159 22           | 934/3164 30                                  | 1921/3153 61   | 2518/3134 80  |
| England     | 540/2899 19  | 191/2895 7                             | 1138/2699 42                        | 1136/2904 39          | 1261/2896 44                                 | 981/2901 34  | 1856/2893 64  |
| Finland     | 141/1099 13  | 76/1095 7                              | 232/1047 22                         | 300/1114 27           | 546/1111 49                                  | 441/1098 40  | 890/1094 81   |
| Germany     | 526/1507 35  | 94/1506 6                              | 431/1430 30                         | 561/1505 37           | 539/1498 36                                  | 473/1505 31  | 879/1504 58   |
| Greece      | 170/361 47   | 61/358 17                              | 246/315 78                          | 199/358 56            | 177/358 49                                   | 231/358 65   | 311/356 87  |
| Ireland     | 152/1389 11  | 117/1385 8                             | 536/1293 41                         | 581/1383 42           | 612/1380 44                                  | 588/1385 42  | 872/1381 63   |
| Netherlands | 756/2185 35  | 123/2187 6                             | 211/2061 10                         | 240/2188 11           | 418/2197 19                                  | 889/2195 41  | 1781/2200 81  |
| Norway      | 468/3732 13  | 199/3712 5                             | 823/3501 24                         | 773/3729 21           | 942/3712 25                                  | 2097/3710 57   | 2739/3698 74  |
| Poland      | 683/2581 26  | 463/2579 18                            | 929/2321 40                         | 663/2584 26           | 1056/2387 44                                 | 1890/2571 74   | 2196/2571 85  |
| Spain       | 897/2794 32  | 173/2784 6                             | 787/2670 29                         | 1053/2786 38          | 740/2774 27                                  | 1554/2779 56   | 2370/2767 86  |
| Sweden      | 2750/10 051 27                                     | 1117/10 035 11                         | 2788/9477 29                        | 2251/10 027 22        | 3418/10 013 34                               | 2833/9995 28   | 7308/9988 73  |
| Switzerland | 324/1604 20  | 71/1606 4                              | 228/1563 15                         | 338/1610 21           | 447/1623 28                                  | 564/1612 35  | 1216/1612 75  |
| US          | 4196/26 316 16                                     | 1628/26 772 6                          | 9122/27 163 34                      | 892/26 835 25         | 3767/27 232 14                               | 11 449/26 110 46   | 15 240/26 717 57  |

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## Hospital Nurse Staffing and Patient Mortality, Nurse Burnout, and Job Dissatisfaction

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**Context** The worsening hospital nurse shortage and recent California legislation mandating minimum hospital patient-to-nurse ratios demand an understanding of how nurse staffing levels affect patient outcomes and nurse retention in hospital practice.

**Objective** To determine the association between the patient-to-nurse ratio and patient mortality, failure-to-rescue (deaths following complications) among surgical patients, and factors related to nurse retention.

**Design, Setting, and Participants** Cross-sectional analyses of linked data from 10 194 staff nurses surveyed, 232 242 general, orthopedic, and vascular surgery patients discharged from the hospital between April 1, 1998, and November 30, 1999, and administrative data from 168 nonteaching adult general hospitals in Pennsylvania.

**Main Outcome Measures** Risk-adjusted patient mortality and failure-to-rescue within 30 days of admission, and nurse-reported job dissatisfaction and job-related burnout.

**Results** After adjusting for patient and hospital characteristics (size, teaching status, geography), each additional patient per nurse was associated with a 7% (odds ratio, 1.07; 95% confidence interval [CI], 1.03-1.12) increase in the likelihood of failure-to-rescue within 30 days of admission and a 7% (OR, 1.07; 95% CI, 1.02-1.11) increase in the odds of failure-to-rescue. After adjusting for nurse and hospital characteristics, each additional patient per nurse was associated with a 23% (OR, 1.23; 95% CI, 1.15-1.31) increase in the odds of burnout and a 15% (OR, 1.15; 95% CI, 1.07-1.23) increase in the odds of job dissatisfaction.

**Conclusions** In hospitals with high patient-to-nurse ratios, surgical patients experience higher risk-adjusted 30-day mortality and failure-to-rescue rates, and nurses are more likely to experience burnout and job dissatisfaction.

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## Race, Ethnicity, and Medical Student Well-being in the United States

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**Background:** Little is known about the training experience of minority medical students. We explore differences in the prevalence of burnout, depressive symptoms, and quality of life (QOL) among minority and nonminority medical students as well as the role race/ethnicity plays in students' experiences.

**Methods:** Medical students (N=3080) at 5 medical schools were surveyed in 2006 using validated instruments to assess burnout, depression, and QOL. Students were also asked about the impact of race/ethnicity on their training experience.

**Results:** The response rate was 55%. Nearly half of students reported burnout (47%) and depressive symptoms (49%). Mental QOL scores were lower among students than among the age-matched general population (43.1 vs 47.2;  $P < .001$ ). Prevalence of depressive symptoms was similar regardless of minority status, but more nonminority students had burnout (39% vs 33%;  $P < .03$ ).

Minority students were more likely to report that their race/ethnicity had adversely affected their medical school experience (11% vs 2%;  $P < .001$ ) and cited racial discrimination, racial prejudice, feelings of isolation, and different cultural expectations as causes. Minority students reporting such experiences were more likely to have burnout, depressive symptoms, and low mental QOL scores than were minority students without such experiences (all  $P < .05$ ).

**Conclusions:** Symptoms of distress are prevalent among medical students. While minorities appear to be at lower risk for burnout than nonminority students, race does contribute to the distress minority students do experience. Additional studies are needed to define the causes of these perceptions and to improve the learning climate for all students.

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Rates of medication errors among depressed and burnt out residents: prospective cohort study

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**Results** 24 (20%) of the participating residents met the criteria for depression and 92 (74%) met the criteria for burnout. Active surveillance yielded 45 errors made by participants. Depressed residents made 6.2 times as many medication errors per resident month as residents who were not depressed: 1.55 (95% confidence interval 0.57 to 4.22) compared with 0.25 (0.14 to 0.46,  $P < 0.001$ ). Burnt out residents and non-burnt out residents made similar rates of errors per resident month: 0.45 (0.20 to 0.98) compared with 0.53 (0.21 to 1.33,  $P = 0.2$ ).

**Conclusions** Depression and burnout are major problems among residents in paediatrics. Depressed residents made significantly more medical errors than their nondepressed peers; however, burnout did not seem to correlate with an increased rate of medical errors.

### Nurse Burnout and Patient Satisfaction

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#### Abstract

**Background**—Amid a national nurse shortage, there is growing concern that high levels of nurse burnout could adversely affect patient outcomes.

**Objectives**—This study examines the effect of the nurse work environment on nurse burnout, and the effects of the nurse work environment and nurse burnout on patients' satisfaction with their nursing care.

**Research Design/Subjects**—We conducted cross-sectional surveys of nurses (N = 820) and patients (N = 621) from 40 units in 20 urban hospitals across the United States.

**Measures**—Nurse surveys included measures of nurses' practice environments derived from the revised Nursing Work Index (NWI-R) and nurse outcomes measured by the Maslach Burnout Inventory (MBI) and intentions to leave. Patients were interviewed about their satisfaction with nursing care using the La Monica-Oberst Patient Satisfaction Scale (LOPSS).

**Results**—Patients cared for on units that nurses characterized as having adequate staff, good administrative support for nursing care, and good relations between doctors and nurses were more than twice likely as other patients to report high satisfaction with their care, and their nurses reported significantly lower burnout. The overall level of nurse burnout on hospital units also affected patient satisfaction.

**Conclusions**—Improvements in nurses' work environments in hospitals have the potential to simultaneously reduce nurses' high levels of job burnout and risk of turnover and increase patients' satisfaction with their care.

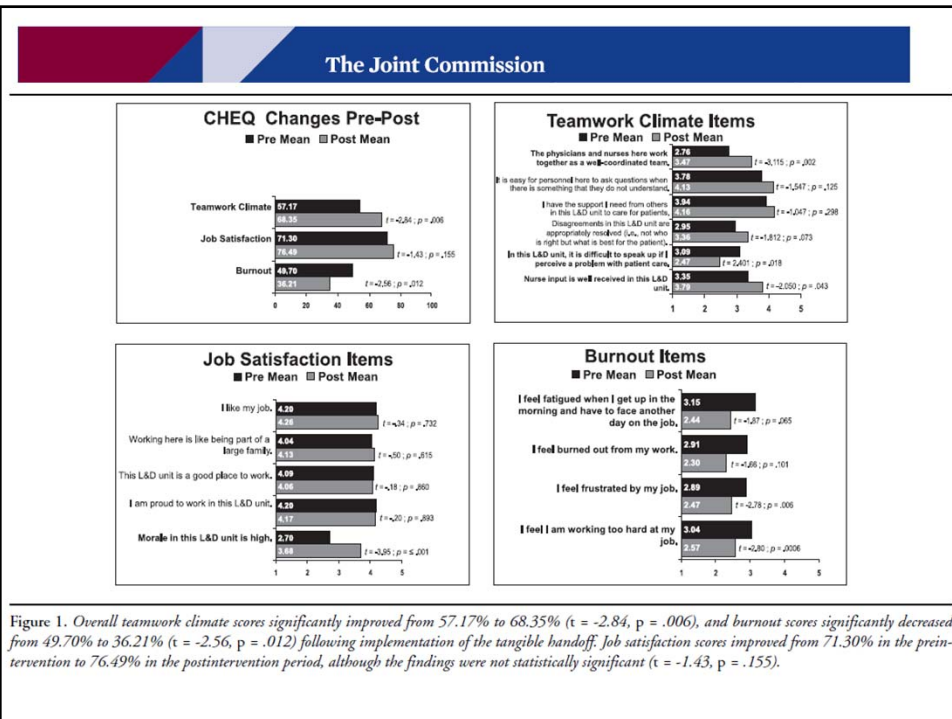


Figure 1. Overall teamwork climate scores significantly improved from 57.17% to 68.35% ( $t = -2.84, p = .006$ ), and burnout scores significantly decreased from 49.70% to 36.21% ( $t = -2.56, p = .012$ ) following implementation of the tangible handoff. Job satisfaction scores improved from 71.30% in the pre-intervention to 76.49% in the postintervention period, although the findings were not statistically significant ( $t = 1.43, p = .155$ ).

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18% (61/332) met diagnostic criteria for PTSD

86% (277/323) met criteria for BOS

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## Patterns of distress in US medical students

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**Table 1.** Types of distress among responding medical students at seven medical schools, 2007.

| Stress domain   | Prevalence (%) or mean ± SD |
|---|-----------------------------|
| <b>Burnout<sup>a</sup></b>  |                             |
| Burned out, no. (%)   | 1069/2154 (49.6%)           |
| Emotional exhaustion, mean ± SD   | 24.0 ± 10.8                 |
| Depersonalization, mean ± SD  | 7.3 ± 5.9                   |
| Personal accomplishment, mean ± SD  | 36.2 ± 7.7                  |
| <b>QOL</b>  |                             |
| Mental, mean ± SD   | 43.5 ± 11.0                 |
| Mental QOL score 1/2 SD below age and gender-matched population norm, no. (%) | 899/2178 (41.3%)            |
| Physical, mean ± SD   | 52.2 ± 6.9                  |
| Mental QOL score 1/2 SD below age and gender-matched population norm, no. (%) | 486/2178 (22.3%)            |
| Symptoms of depression, no. (%)   | 1037/2228 (46.5)            |
| Epworth Sleepiness Scale, mean ± SD   | 10.2 ± 4.36                 |
| Excessive fatigue, no. (%) <sup>b</sup>                                       | 1034/2233 (46.3)            |
| Perceived Stress Scale, mean ± SD   | 16.6 ± 7.49                 |
| High stress, no. (%) <sup>c</sup>   | 1073/2206 (48.6%)           |

Notes: <sup>a</sup>Maslach Burnout Inventory (Maslach et al. 1996). A score of ≥27 on the emotional exhaustion subscale score and/or ≥10 on the depersonalization subscale. <sup>b</sup>Score of ≥11 and <sup>c</sup>Score of ≥1/2 SD than the norm for age-matched US general population.

## Patterns of distress in US medical students

**Table 3.** Factors independently associated with serious thoughts of dropping out of medical school or suicidal ideation.

| Dependent variable | Independent variable                             | Odds ratio | P-value |
|--------------------|--|------------|---------|
| Dropout            | Burned out                                       | 2.402      | <0.0001 |
|                    | Positive depression screen                       | 2.185      | 0.0002  |
|                    | Low physical QOL                                 | 2.156      | 0.0021  |
|                    | Low mental QOL                                   | 2.104      | 0.0002  |
|                    | Has children                                     | 2.048      | 0.0011  |
|                    | High stress (PSS $\geq$ 17)                      | 1.954      | 0.0045  |
|                    | Third-year student <sup>a</sup>                  | 1.502      | 0.0204  |
|                    | High fatigue (Epworth $\geq$ 11)                 | 1.460      | 0.0221  |
|                    | \$50,000-\$99,999 student loan debt <sup>b</sup> | 0.589      | 0.0089  |
|                    | Positive depression screen                       | 4.052      | <0.0001 |
| Suicidal ideation  | Low mental QOL                                   | 1.982      | 0.0001  |
|                    | Fourth-year student <sup>a</sup>                 | 1.695      | 0.0064  |
|                    | Burned out                                       | 1.686      | 0.0037  |
|                    | Has children                                     | 1.579      | 0.0399  |
|                    | $\geq$ 1 Negative life events last 12 months     | 1.545      | 0.0044  |
|                    | Third-year student                               | 1.458      | 0.0392  |

Notes: <sup>a</sup>For school year students who indicated they were taking a break from medical school to pursue enrichment activities, such as research projects or graduate work, were used as reference value, <sup>b</sup>For debt, <\$50,000 was used as reference value.

# Burnout and Suicidal Ideation among U.S. Medical Students

Dyrbye et al., 2010

50% of medical students burned out  
10% have suicidal ideation

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Although the groups (surgeons & internal medicine physicians) in these 2 studies were disparate, **the same 3 factors (hours worked per week, work/home conflict in the last 3 weeks, and resolving the last work/home conflict in favor of work) remained independent factors associated with burnout** in multivariable models in both samples with strikingly similar odds ratios.<sup>5</sup> These findings suggest that work/home conflict and how that conflict is managed may be central factors for physician burnout in a variety of practice settings.

home conflict within the last 3 weeks. The most recent work/home conflict was resolved independently associated with burnout.<sup>5</sup> To validate the importance of these factors to physician burnout and to explore whether they are relevant to physicians in specialties other than surgery, we assessed their importance in a large sample of internal medicine physicians at an academic center.

### **Burnout syndrome in critical care nursing staff.**

Poncet MC, Toullic P, Papazian L, Kentish-Barnes N, Timsit JF, Pochard F, Chevret S, Schlemmer B, Azoulay E.

Am J Respir Crit Care Med. 2007 Apr 1;175(7):634-6.

- Protective factors:
  - research participation
  - better palliative care
  - # decisions to forego life-sustaining treatments in the last week
  - age
  - ability to choose days off
  - quality of working relationships (pts, mgr, MDs)

ORIGINAL INVESTIGATION

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# Burnout and Satisfaction With Work-Life Balance Among US Physicians to the General

Tait D. Shanafelt, MD; Sonja Daniel Satele, BS; Colin P. W

**Background:** Despite exte burnout, to our knowledge, r ated rates of burnout among l ferences by specialty, or cor workers in other fields.

**Methods:** We conducted a in a large sample of US physi ciplines using the American ian Masterfile and surveyed of the general US populatio was measured using validate with work-life balance was c

**Results:** Of 27 276 physicia tion to participate, 7288 (2 When assessed using the M 45.8% of physicians reported out. Substantial differences in specialty, with the highest ra front line of care access (fam nal medicine, and emergency a probability-based sample c

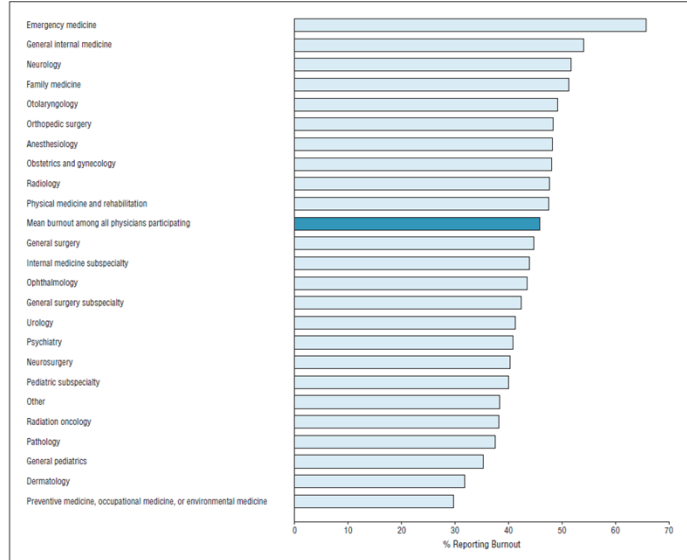


Figure 1. Burnout by specialty.

ORIGINAL INVESTIGATION

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# Burnout and Satisfaction With Work-Life Balance Among US Physicians Relative to the General US Population

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In conclusion, burnout is highly prevalent among US Physicians (32%), more so than among other US workers(23.5%).

(1) the prevalence of burnout among US physicians is at an alarming level, (2) physicians in specialties at the front line of care access (emergency medicine, general internal medicine, and family medicine) are at greatest risk, (3) physicians work longer hours and have greater struggles with work-life integration than other US workers, and (4) after adjusting for hours worked per week, higher levels of education and professional degrees seem to reduce the risk for burnout in fields outside of medicine, whereas a degree in medicine (MD or DO) increases the risk. These results suggest that the experience of burnout among physicians does not simply mirror larger societal trends.

nal medicine, and emergency medicine). Compared with a probability-based sample of 3442 working US adults, <sup>†</sup> published online August 20, 2012. doi:10.1001/archintemmed.2012.3199



## From Dr Jekyll into Hiding

- Burnout is not an attitude problem
- Burnout is a workplace problem
  - Sexton J.B., et al. J Perinat. 2006; 26:463-470.
  - Failure to recognize the human side of work or demands of superhuman efforts, people feel overloaded, frustrated and well, burned out. Self-improvement alone will not beat it.
- We slip from productive to frustrated/cranky, to not being disengaged:
  - social distancing: social networks, diet, sleep habits, all suffer , with increases in self injury, mistakes at work, illness, traffic violations, etc.

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Yoda had the right idea:



Fear leads to anger. Anger leads to hate. Hate leads to suffering.

Prolonged stress leads to frustration and anger, which leads to suspicion and mistrust, and ultimately, the dark side...Burnout

## From First to Worst

Those with tenacity, dedication and a strong sense of responsibility are vulnerable to burnout

Burnout Lead Weights: work hours, night shift, conflicts with colleagues, fiscal debt, poor boundaries between work/home life

Burnout Band-aides: spending time with spouse, social support, positive learning environment, having a clinician as a parent, being a parent, and getting satisfaction from conversations with others, control over days off, quality of working relationships

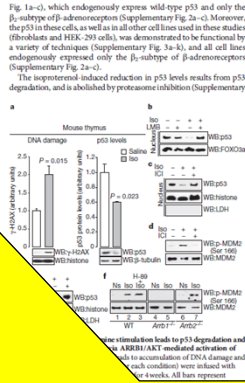
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A stress response pathway regulates DNA damage through  $\beta_2$ -adrenoreceptors and  $\beta$ -arrestin-1

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The human mind and body respond to stress<sup>1</sup>, a state of perceived threat or discomfort, by activating the sympathetic nervous system and the catecholamines adrenaline and noradrenaline in the 'fight or flight' response. The stress response is generally transient because its triggering effects (for example, immunosuppression, growth inhibition and enhanced catabolism) can be harmful in the long term<sup>2</sup>. However, the stress response can be associated with disease syndromes (specific ailments or cardiovascular diseases), and epidemiological studies strongly indicate that chronic stress leads to DNA damage, cancer, psychiatric conditions<sup>3,4</sup> and miscarriages<sup>5</sup>. How events occur in the brain and what are expressed throughout the body, including in the developing embryo<sup>6</sup>, are dependent on the recruitment of protein kinases and other signalling molecules.  $\beta$ -arrestins, which do not function as signal transducers in themselves, but through both Gs-RSKA and  $\beta$ -arrestin-1-dependent pathways, DNA damage and subsequently leading to the accumulation of DNA damage in cultured U2OS cells and in human cell lines,  $\beta$ -adrenoreceptors facilitate and also promotes MDM2 acting as a molecular scaffold.  $\beta$ -arrestin-1 is abrogated in *Arb1* knock-out mice, and serves p53 levels in both the acute and chronic stress response. Acute or chronic stress may affect the offspring's emerging role of ARRB1 in an ERK1/2-dependent manner, revealing how DNA damage may occur in stress.



...prolonged exposure to our own stress hormones damages our DNA, promoting aging, cancer, psychiatric disorders and miscarriages...

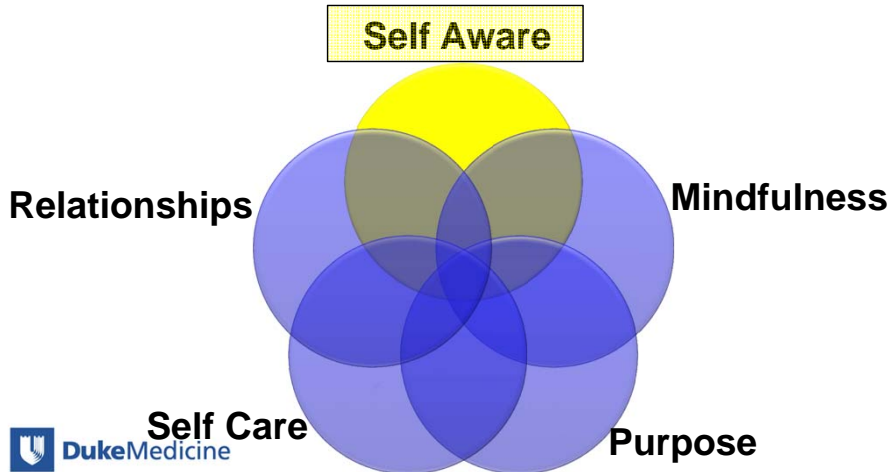
adrenaline or noradrenaline) leads to accumulation of DNA damage and a decrease in p53 levels in cultured U2OS cells (Supplementary Fig. 1a-c). In contrast,  $\beta_2$ -adrenoreceptor-dependent MDM2 phosphorylation at Ser 166, but not Ser 167, is required for p53 degradation (Supplementary Fig. 1d). Isoproterenol stimulation leads to Gs-independent, ARRB1-dependent MDM2 phosphorylation at Ser 166, but not Ser 167, in cultured U2OS cells (Supplementary Fig. 1e). Isoproterenol stimulation leads to Gs-independent, ARRB1-dependent MDM2 phosphorylation at Ser 166, but not Ser 167, in cultured U2OS cells (Supplementary Fig. 1e).

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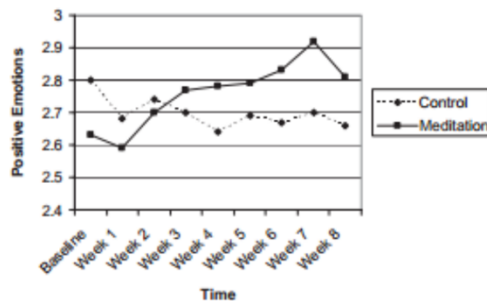
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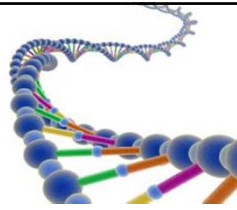




“The negative screams at you, but the positive only whispers...”  
 -- Barbara Fredrickson

**Figure 4.** Week-by-week positive emotions by experimental condition. Note: Meditation training centered on loving-kindness meditation. Positive emotions were computed as the mean across all positive states on the mDES, rated on a scale from 0-4. (adapted from Fredrickson et al., 2008, Figure 2).





## “Genetic Dispositions”



Our Darwinian DNA utilizes some negative-emotion mechanisms to help us pass our traits on to offspring:

- Ability to worry about the future
- Remember bad things that happened to us
- Anticipate new things that could go wrong
- **These help us with survival, but not with happiness**

## Cultivating Positive Emotion: Ratio of positive to negative

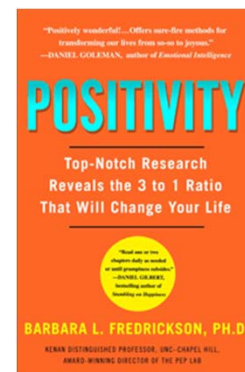
Low Performance Groups= 1:1

Mid Performance Groups= 2:1

High Performance Groups= 6:1

**High performers** asked questions as much as they defended their own views, and cast their attention outward as much as inward.

**Low performers** asked almost no questions, and showed almost no outward focus (not listening, rather, waiting to talk to defend their own view).



## Cultivating Positive Emotion: Ratio of positive to negative

Low Performance Groups= 1:1

Divorcing couples/Depression (0.5-1):1

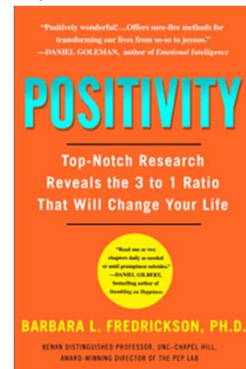
Mid Performance Groups= 2:1

Most people are 2:1

High Performance Groups= 6:1

only 20% are 3:1 or higher

flourishing marriages average 5:1

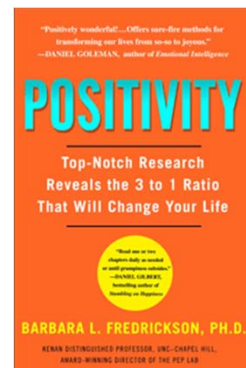


## Cultivating Positive Emotion: Ratio of positive to negative

Upper bound for flourishing?

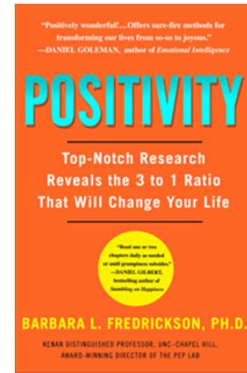
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*“if you jump really high in the gymnasium, you will hit your head on the ceiling...”*



# Cultivating Positive Emotion: 3 to 1 Ratio

Meeting agenda item:  
What are we doing well?



# Cultivating Positive Emotion: 3 to 1 Ratio

Chapter 3: What Is Positivity?  
The 10 Forms of Positivity

- Joy
- Gratitude
- Serenity
- Interest
- Hope
- Pride
- Amusement
- Inspiration
- Awe
- Love

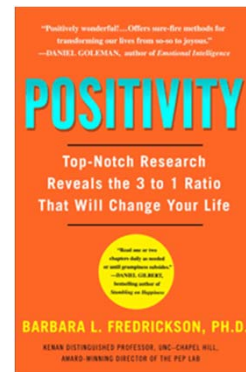


Table 1. Ten Representative Positive Emotions

| Emotion Label                  | Appraisal Theme                                     | Thought-Action Tendency                | Resources Accrued                              | Core trio in mDES item                     |
|--------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Joy                            | safe, familiar, unexpectedly good                   | play, get involved                     | skills gained via experiential learning        | <i>joyful, glad, or happy</i>              |
| Gratitude                      | receive a gift or benefit                           | creative urge to be prosocial          | skills for showing care; loyalty; social bonds | <i>grateful, appreciative, or thankful</i> |
| Serenity (a.k.a., Contentment) | safe, familiar, low effort                          | savor and integrate                    | new priorities; new views of self              | <i>serene, content, or peaceful</i>        |
| Interest                       | safe, novel   | explore, learn                         | knowledge                                      | <i>interested, alert, or curious</i>       |
| Hope                           | fearing the worst, yearning for better              | plan for a better future               | resilience; optimism                           | <i>hopeful, optimistic, or encouraged</i>  |
| Pride                          | socially valued achievement                         | dream big                              | achievement motivation                         | <i>proud, confident, or self-assured</i>   |
| Amusement                      | non-serious social incongruity                      | share joviality, laugh                 | social bonds                                   | <i>amused, fun-loving, or silly</i>        |
| Inspiration                    | witness human excellence                            | strive toward own higher ground        | motivation for personal growth                 | <i>inspired, uplifted, or elevated</i>     |
| Awe                            | encounter beauty or goodness on a grand scale       | absorb and accommodate                 | new worldviews                                 | <i>awe, wonder, amazement</i>              |
| Love                           | any/all of the above in an interpersonal connection | any/all of the above, with mutual care | any/all of the above, especially social bonds  | <i>love, closeness, or trust</i>           |

Don't use defensive framing when asking questions of frontline staff:

“So how are we going to kill the next patient around here?”



FRAMING:

- Use the 3:1 ratio for psychological safety
  - “Please share three things that are going well around here, and one thing that could be better.”
- Make it about what you can do
  - “How can I help to remove barriers, so that the safety defects you are most concerned about can be better addressed?”



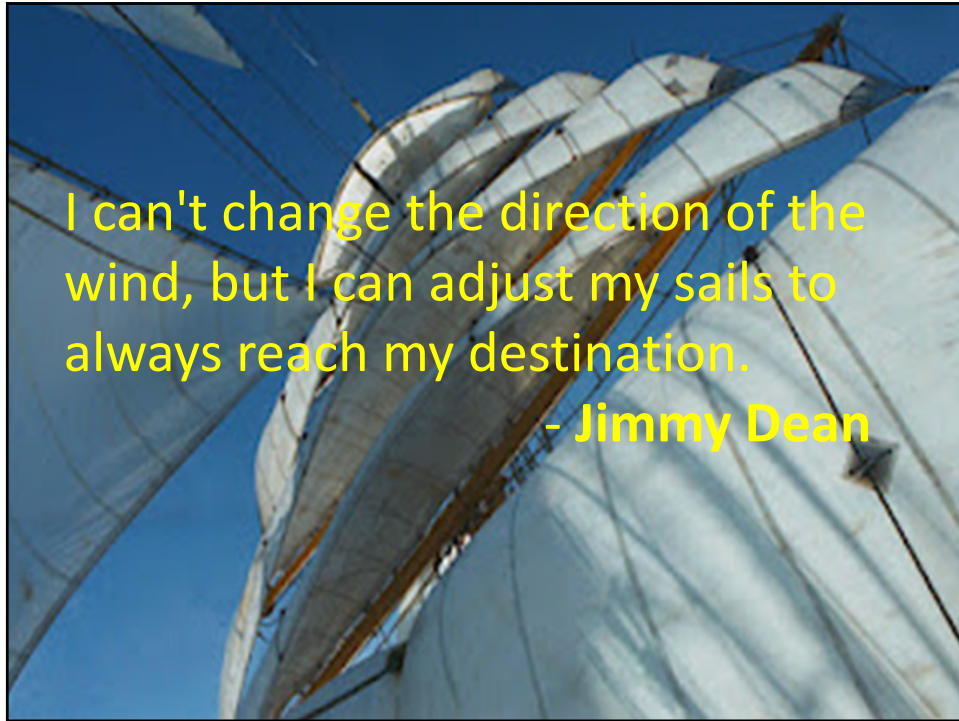
[www.positivityratio.org](http://www.positivityratio.org)

modified Differential Emotions Scale (mDES)

Instructions: Please think back to how you have felt during the past twenty-four hours. Using the 0-4 scale below, indicate the *greatest amount* that you've experienced each of the following feelings.

|   | Not at all | A little bit | Moderately | Quite a bit | Extremely |
|---|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-----------|
|   | 0          | 1            | 2          | 3           | 4         |
| ___ 1. What is the most <b>amused, fun-loving</b> , or <b>silly</b> you felt?             |            |              |            |             |           |
| ___ 2. What is the most <b>angry, irritated</b> , or <b>annoyed</b> you felt?             |            |              |            |             |           |
| ___ 3. What is the most <b>ashamed, humiliated</b> , or <b>disgraced</b> you felt?        |            |              |            |             |           |
| ___ 4. What is the most <b>awe, wonder</b> , or <b>amazement</b> you felt?                |            |              |            |             |           |
| ___ 5. What is the most <b>contemptuous, scornful</b> , or <b>disdainful</b> you felt?    |            |              |            |             |           |
| ___ 6. What is the most <b>disgust, distaste</b> , or <b>revulsion</b> you felt?          |            |              |            |             |           |
| ___ 7. What is the most <b>embarrassed, self-conscious</b> , or <b>blushing</b> you felt? |            |              |            |             |           |
| ___ 8. What is the most <b>grateful, appreciative</b> , or <b>thankful</b> you felt?      |            |              |            |             |           |
| ___ 9. What is the most <b>guilty, repentant</b> , or <b>blameworthy</b> you felt?        |            |              |            |             |           |
| ___ 10. What is the most <b>hate, distrust</b> , or <b>suspicion</b> you felt?            |            |              |            |             |           |
| ___ 11. What is the most <b>hopeful, optimistic</b> , or <b>encouraged</b> you felt?      |            |              |            |             |           |
| ___ 12. What is the most <b>inspired, uplifted</b> , or <b>elevated</b> you felt?         |            |              |            |             |           |
| ___ 13. What is the most <b>interested, alert</b> , or <b>curious</b> you felt?           |            |              |            |             |           |
| ___ 14. What is the most <b>joyful, glad</b> , or <b>happy</b> you felt?                  |            |              |            |             |           |
| ___ 15. What is the most <b>love, closeness</b> , or <b>trust</b> you felt?               |            |              |            |             |           |
| ___ 16. What is the most <b>proud, confident</b> , or <b>self-assured</b> you felt?       |            |              |            |             |           |
| ___ 17. What is the most <b>sad, downhearted</b> , or <b>unhappy</b> you felt?            |            |              |            |             |           |
| ___ 18. What is the most <b>scared, fearful</b> , or <b>afraid</b> you felt?              |            |              |            |             |           |
| ___ 19. What is the most <b>serene, content</b> , or <b>peaceful</b> you felt?            |            |              |            |             |           |
| ___ 20. What is the most <b>stressed, nervous</b> , or <b>overwhelmed</b> you felt?       |            |              |            |             |           |

Based on Fredrickson, 2009 and Fredrickson, Tugade, Waugh, & Larkin, 2003. Scoring: Use single items to assess specific emotions, or create overall positive and negative emotion scores by computing the mean of 10 positive and 10 negative emotions, respectively. Instructions can be modified to assess emotions in response to specific incidents (e.g., laboratory manipulations or episodes recalled using the Day Reconstruction Method). Scale can be modified to capture emotions experienced over the past two weeks by changing the instructions to "how often have you've experienced..." the items to "How often have you felt \_\_\_?" and the response options to 0 = never; 1 = rarely; 2 = some of the time; 3 = often; 4 = most of the time.



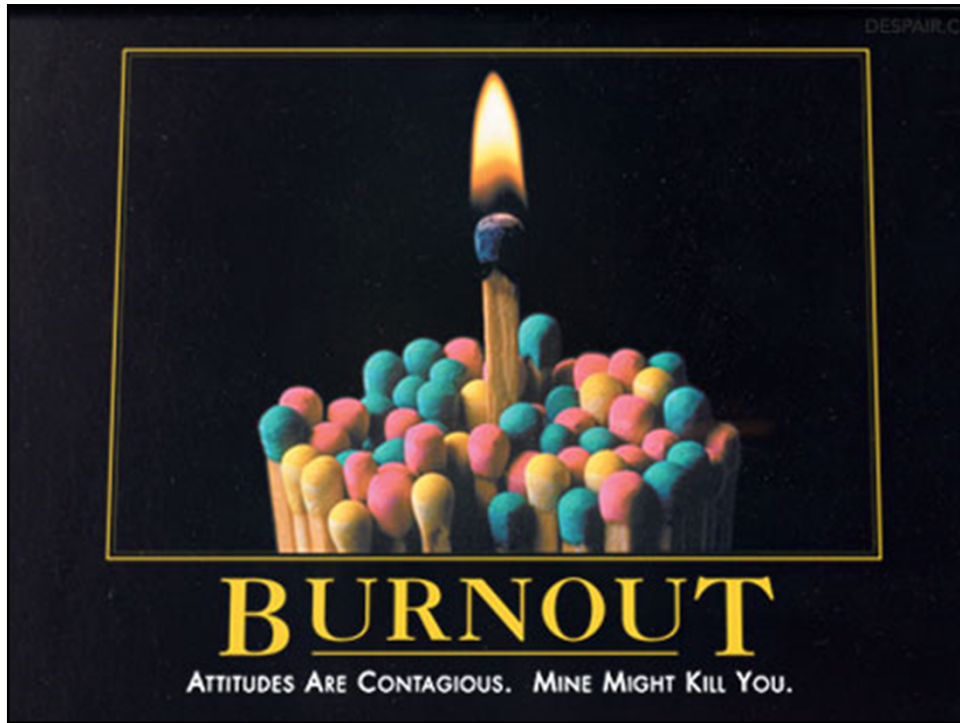
## Random acts of Kindness:



Doing a kindness produces the single most reliable momentary increase in well-being of any exercise that has been tested

Find one wholly unexpected kind thing to do tomorrow and just do it. Notice what happens to your mood.

-- Marti Seligmann, 2011



I WANT YOU  
TO DELETE  
ME AS YOUR  
FACEBOOK  
FRIEND



## 4 a.m. Friend:



Is there someone in your life whom you would feel comfortable phoning at four in the morning to tell your troubles to?

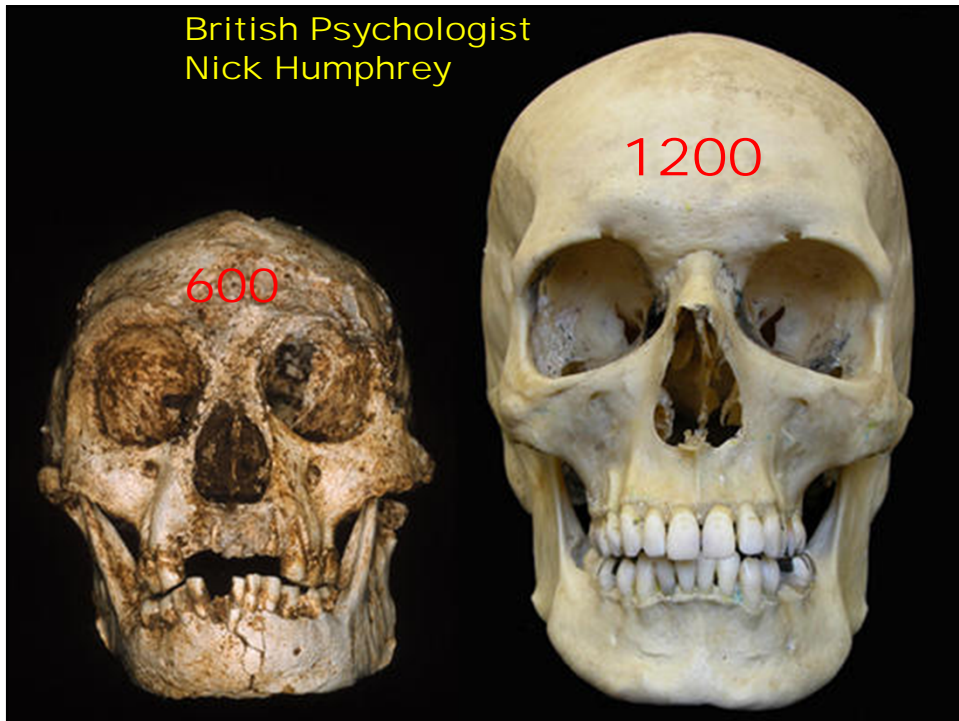
- If so, you are likely to live longer than those who say “no.” Discovered by George Vaillant (Harvard psychiatrist) and called the capacity to *be* loved.
- Conversely, loneliness is such a disabling condition that it suggests the pursuit of relationships is a fundamental to well-being.

# Friendship Networks: Half of all friends replaced every 7 years

- Who do you talk with, regarding personal issues?
- Who helps you with DIY in your home?
- Who do you pop by to see?

-Sociologist Gerald Mollenhorst of Utrecht University

British Psychologist  
Nick Humphrey



The most important single ingredient in the formula of success is knowing how to get along with people.

Theodore Roosevelt;  
The 26<sup>th</sup> US President



Good Attachments = you are there for me when things go wrong

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**Post-traumatic stress  
disorder, resilience and  
vulnerability**

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**Box 2 Factors promoting resilience**

*Internal characteristics*

- Self-esteem
- Trust
- Resourcefulness
- Self-efficacy
- Internal locus of control
- Secure attachments
- Sense of humour
- Self-sufficiency
- Sense of mastery
- Optimism
- Interpersonal abilities such as social skills, problem-solving skills and impulse control

*External factors*

- Safety
- Religious affiliation
- Strong role models
- Emotional sustenance: the extent to which others provide the individual with understanding, companionship, sense of belonging and positive regard

## Attachment

An abundance of research shows that the perception that one has supportive others to turn to in times of stress (i.e., perceived support) buffers against the harmful effects of stress (e.g., Cohen, 1992; Collins & Feeney, 2000; Sarason, Sarason, & Gurung, 1997).

But if things go right, and you are there for me, does that have an independent impact on relationship functioning?

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## Will You Be There for Me When Things Go Right? Supportive Responses to Positive Event Disclosures

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...share successes and triumphs with one another, but this experience is  
...this study, 79 dating couples completed measures of relationship

**...79 dating couples...Both self-report data and observational codes showed that 2 months later, responses to positive event discussions were more closely related to relationship well-being and break-up than were responses to negative event discussions. The results are discussed in terms of the recurrent, but often overlooked, role that positive emotional exchanges play in building relationship resources.**



Shelly Gable  
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How do you respond when people share good news with you? The manner in which you respond when others share triumph with you directly builds or undermines your relationships. Research into couples and intimate relationships suggests that supporting partners when good things happen is as important in building a relationship as supporting when bad things happen.

## “Don’t Worry, Be Open”



Robert "Bobby" McFerrin, Jr. is a virtuoso American vocalist and conductor. He is best known for his 1988 hit song "Don't Worry, Be Happy".

Don't Worry implies “Worry about Future and/or ruminate about the past”  
The Present is relatively benign/good, but “bad” grabs our attention

## Toxicity of Insincerity



|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Active Destructive Responding         | Finding the bad in the good: where you find the cloud in the silver lining |
| Passive Destructive Responding        | Not caring at all about their news   |
| Passive Constructive Responding       | Not making a big deal out of it  |
| <b>Active Constructive Responding</b> | <b>Reacting positively, being interested and caring about their news.</b>  |

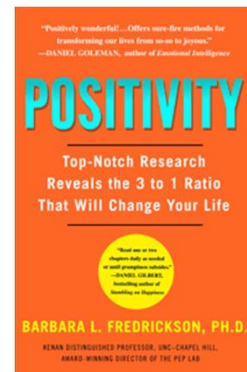
# Active Constructive Responding

Maintain eye contact / smile / touch / laugh

- Don't overdo the praise and positive feedback (it can make people feel uncomfortable/patronized)
- Concentrate on asking questions which encourage the person to talk about their good news/ savor their positive emotions.
- If this type of active and constructive response does not come easily to you try to ask at least three questions.

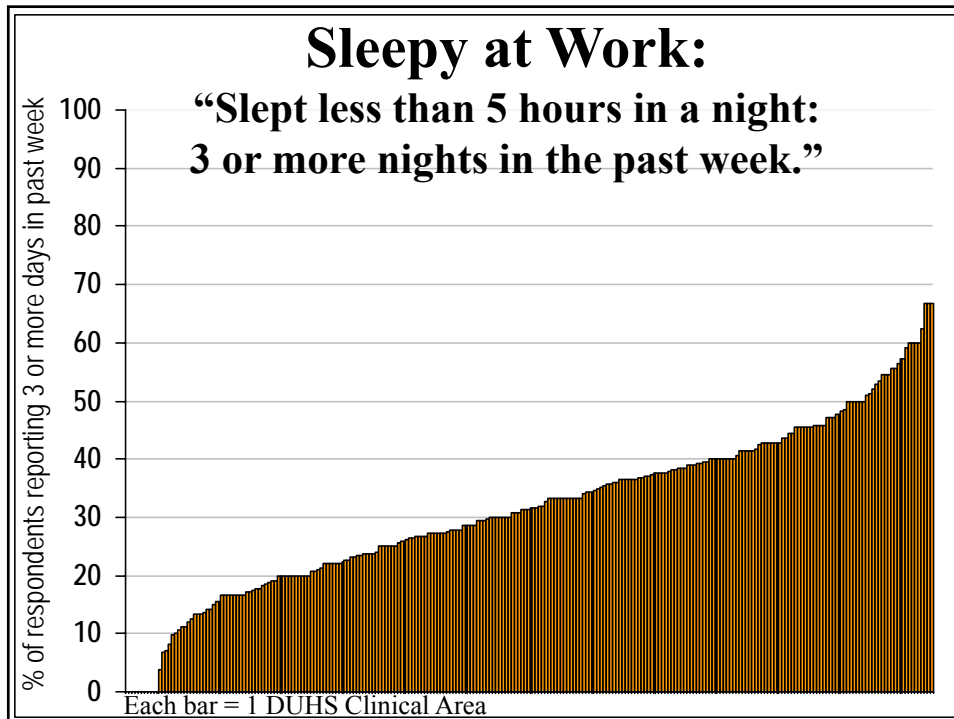
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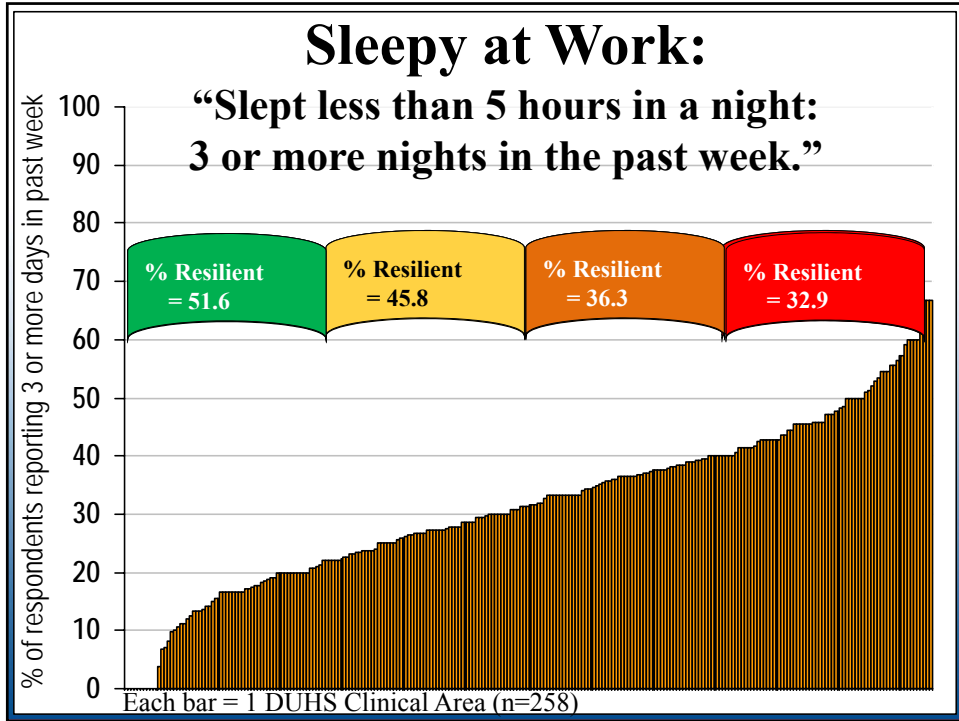
## Cultivating Positive Emotion: 3 to 1 Ratio



## In the past week, how many of you...

- Skipped a meal?
- Ate a poorly balanced meal?
- Worked an entire shift without any breaks?
- Changed personal/family plans because of work?
- Arrived home late from work?
- Drank too much coffee?
- Slept less than 5 hours in a night?
  - Over 40% of Americans regularly sleep less than 5 hours a night
    - 2X as likely to die of heart disease
    - 1.7x as likely to die of all causes (Cappoccino, 2007)





Our brains interpret prolonged fatigue as a stressor, releasing additional glucocorticoids...

Source: J. Bryan Sexton, PhD

# Why do we sleep?

- Recharge our batteries: repair and rejuvenate
  - Improved Immune System Function
- Memory Consolidation
- Emotional Regulation



**In a pinch, choose <3 or >5 hours**

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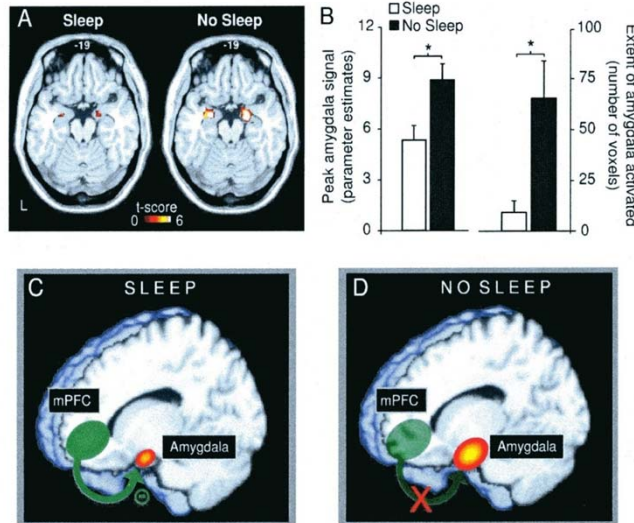


**“Sleep allows the brain to sift through that day's events, process any negative emotion attached to them, then strip it away from the memories...like applying a ‘nocturnal soothing balm’.”**

**-Matthew Walker**

<http://walkerlab.berkeley.edu>

## The Impact of Sleep Deprivation on Emotional Brain Reactivity and Functional Connectivity



Seung-Schik Yoo, Ninad Gujar, Peter Hu, Ferenc A. Jolesz and Matthew P. Walker. *Current Biology*, Volume 17, Issue 20, 23 October 2007, Pages R877-R878

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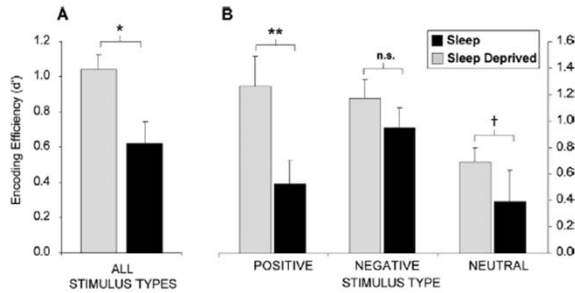
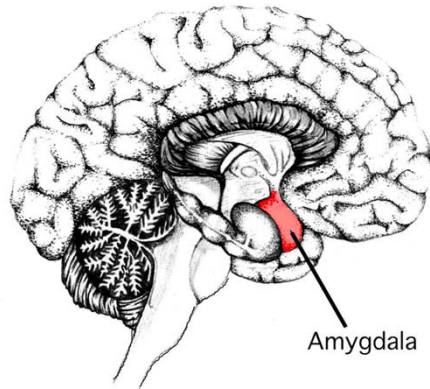


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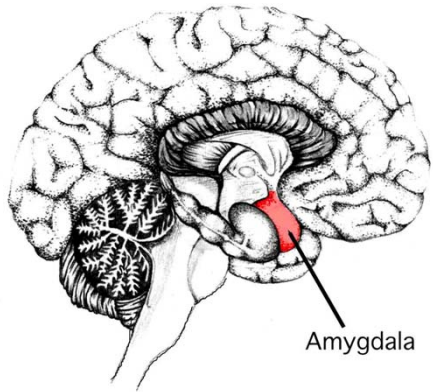
Bar-On et al, (2003). Exploring the neurological substrate of emotional and social intelligence. Brain, 126, 1790-1800.



Patients with lesions or other injuries in the right amygdala showed a loss in emotional self awareness, the ability to be aware of and understand our own feelings.

# Top 5 Amygdala Triggers in the workplace:

- Condescension and lack of respect
- Being held to unrealistic deadlines
- Being treated unfairly
- Being unappreciated
- Feeling unheard



Tony Schwartz, 2010. Five common emotional triggers. The Way We're Working isn't Working: The Four Forgotten Needs that Energize Great Performance.

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Graduate Medical Education

## The Effects of a Mid-Day Nap on the Neurocognitive Performance of First-Year Medical Residents: A Controlled Interventional Pilot Study

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### Abstract

**Purpose**  
Despite shorter duty hours, fatigue remains a problem among medical residents. The authors tested the effect of a short, mid-day nap on the cognitive functioning and alertness of first-year internal medicine (IM) residents during normal duty hours.

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shifts in order to monitor rolling eye movements, a proxy for attention failures. At mid-day, both groups took Conner's Continuous Performance Test (CPT II) to evaluate their cognitive functioning and then were placed in a reclining chair designed for napping. The authors instructed nap group residents to nap for up to 20 minutes and chatted with control group residents to prevent them from napping. All residents took the CPT II again immediately after the intervention. Residents' attention failures were recorded until the end of the workday. The authors compared the mean outcome parameters of the two groups through

analysis of variance, using effect-of-treatment and baseline covariates.

**Results**  
Nap group participants slept a mean of  $8.4 \pm 3.0$  minutes. Compared with controls whose cognitive functioning and number of attention failures did not change from morning to afternoon, the nap group's cognitive functioning improved and their number of attention failures decreased.

**Conclusions**  
A short, mid-day nap can improve cognitive functioning and alertness among first-year IM residents.

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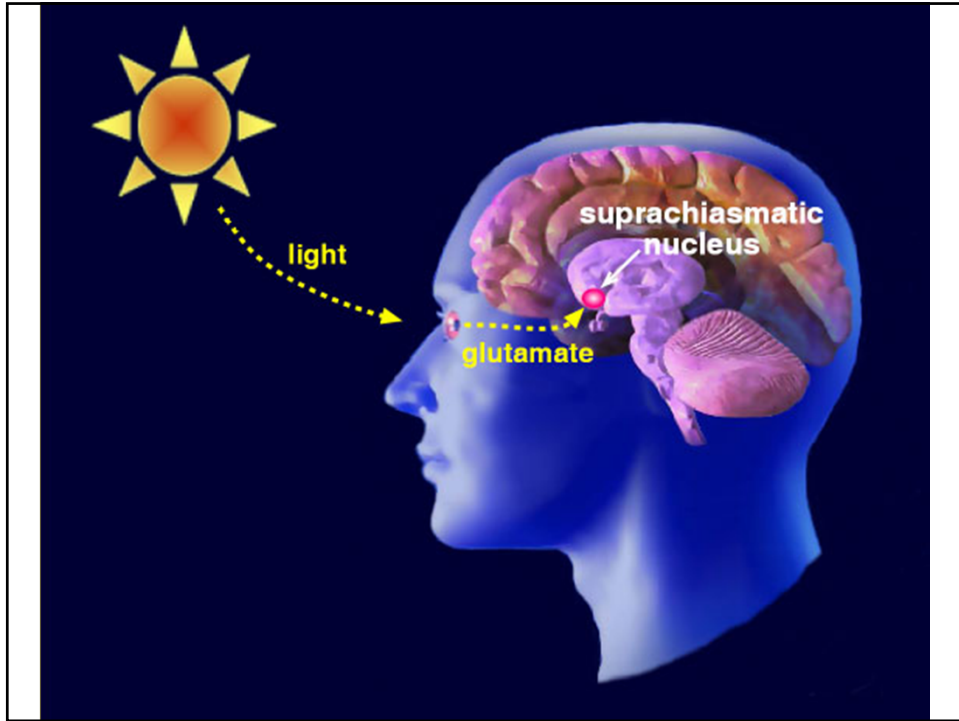
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Typical night shift creates biological clock stress equivalent of jet lag from flying back and forth between Tokyo and San Francisco every few days.

-Davidson, et al. 2006. Current Biology



## Better Night of Sleep





# Blue Blockers



CLIP-ONS

“Blue blockers represent an elegant means to prevent the light-induced melatonin suppression”

J Pineal Res. 2006 Aug;41(1):73-8.

Sasseville A, Paquet N, Sévigny J, Hébert M.

[Chronobiol Int.](#) 2009 Jul;26(5):913-25.

**Wearing blue-blockers in the morning could improve sleep of workers on a permanent night schedule: a pilot study.**

[Sasseville A](#), [Benhabrou-Brun D](#), [Fontaine C](#), [Charon MC](#), [Hebert M](#).

**Source**

Centre de Recherche Université Laval Robert-Giffard/Department of Oto Rhino Laryngology and Ophtalmology, Université Laval, Quebec, Canada.

**Abstract**

Night shiftworkers often complain of disturbed sleep during the day. This could be partly caused by morning sunlight exposure during the commute home, which tends to maintain the circadian clock on a daytime rhythm. The circadian clock is most sensitive to the blue portion of the visible spectrum, so our aim was to determine if blocking short wavelengths of light below 540 nm could improve daytime sleep quality and nighttime vigilance of night shiftworkers. Eight permanent night shiftworkers (32-56 yrs of age) of Quebec City's Canada Post distribution center were evaluated during summertime, and twenty others (24-55 yrs of age) during fall and winter. Timing, efficacy, and fragmentation of daytime sleep were analyzed over four weeks by a wrist activity monitor, and subjective vigilance was additionally assessed at the end of the night shift in the fall-winter group. The first two weeks served as baseline and the remaining two as experimental weeks when workers had to wear blue-blockers glasses, either just before leaving the workplace at the end of their shift (summer group) or 2 h before the end of the night shift (fall-winter group). They all had to wear the glasses when outside during the day until 16:00 h. When wearing the glasses, workers slept, on average  $\pm$ SD, 32 $\pm$ 29 and 34 $\pm$ 60 more min/day, increased their sleep efficacy by 1.95 $\pm$ 2.17% and 4.56 $\pm$ 6.1%, and lowered their sleep fragmentation by 1.74 $\pm$ 1.36% and 4.22 $\pm$ 9.16% in the summer and fall-winter group, respectively. Subjective vigilance also generally improved on Fridays in the fall-winter group. Blue-blockers seem to improve daytime sleep of permanent night-shift workers.

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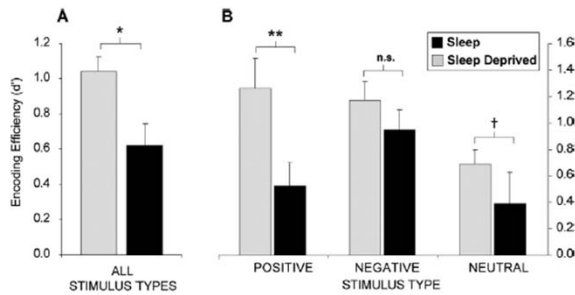


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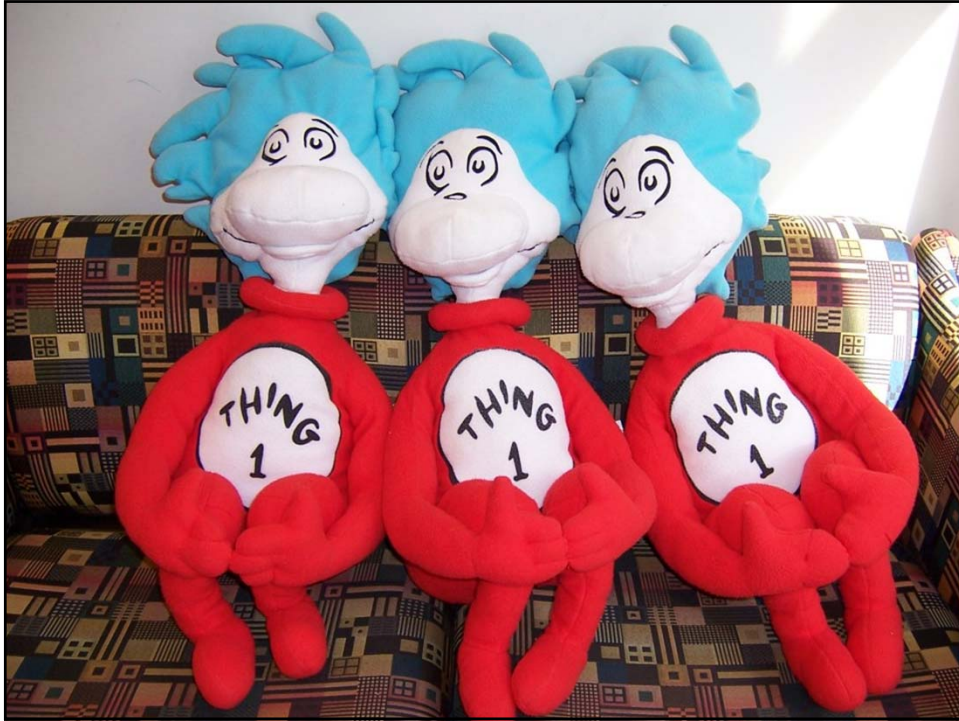


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-- Barbara Fredrickson

# Three Good Things









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#1) We are hard-wired to remember the negative.



#3) With practice (by day 4 or 5) reflecting on the positive leads to noticing more positive.

#2) Enhanced recall of material reviewed during last 2 wakeful hours.

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## Three Good Things



- Memories are tricky: good ones are like Teflon, they slip away, while the bad ones stick like Velcro (especially when we are tired)
- Three Good Things retrains our brains so that we can remember the good things, and our role in bringing them about
- Marti Seligman

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dwkDEM4gFBA>

# Positive Psychology Progress

## *Empirical Validation of Interventions*

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 Nansook Park  
 Christopher Peterson

University of Pennsylvania  
 University of Rhode Island  
 University of Michigan

*Positive psychology has flourished in the last 5 years. The authors review recent developments in the field, including books, meetings, courses, and conferences. They also discuss the newly created classification of character strengths and virtues, a positive complement to the various editions of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (e. g., American Psychiatric Association, 1994), and present some cross-cultural findings that suggest a surprising ubiquity of strengths and virtues. Finally, the authors focus on psychological interventions that increase individual happiness. In a 6-group, random-assignment, placebo-controlled Internet study, the authors tested 5 purported happiness interventions and 1 plausible control exercise. They found that 3 of the interventions lastingly increased happiness and decreased depressive symptoms. Positive interventions can supplement traditional interventions that relieve suffering and may someday be the practical legacy of positive psychology.*

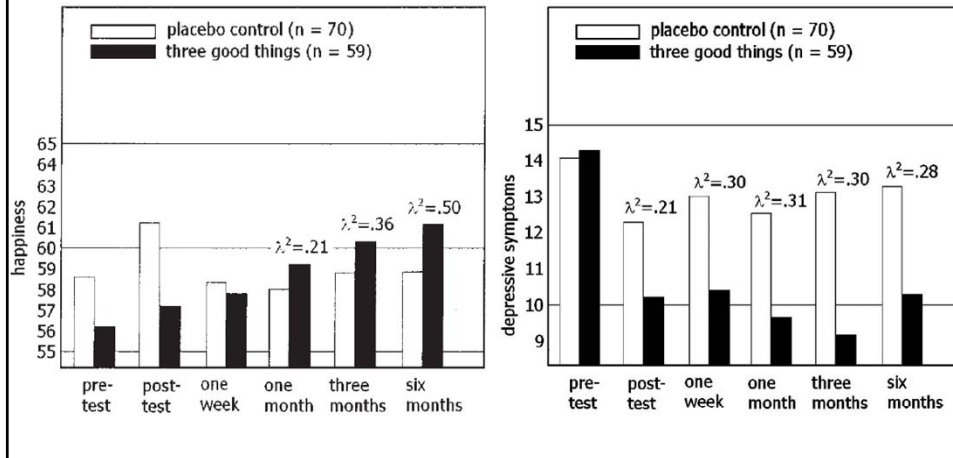
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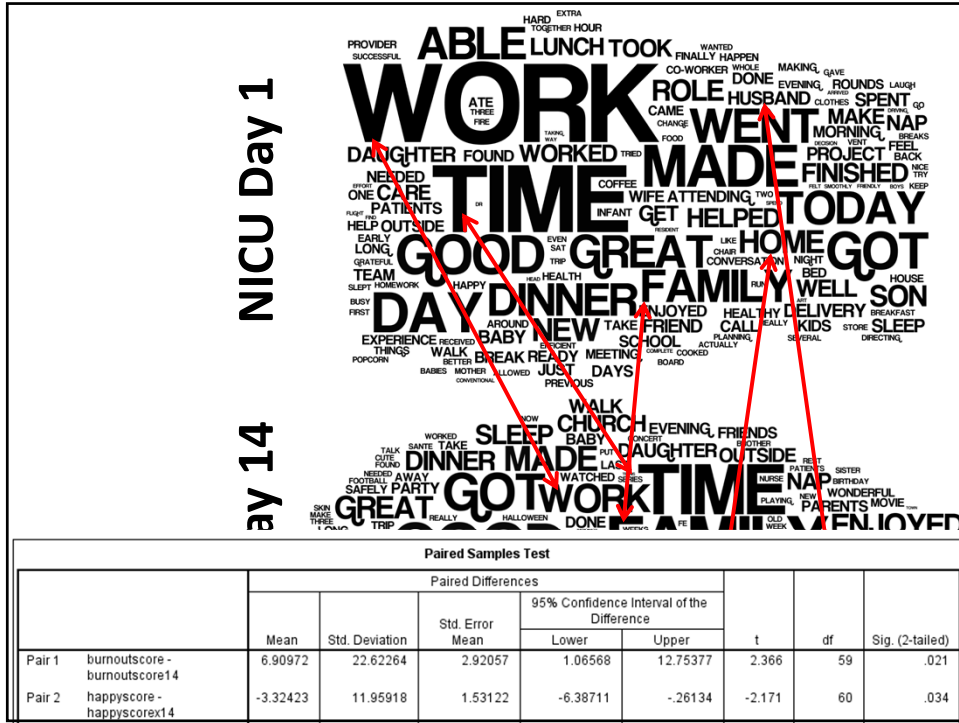
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Seligman, Steen, Park & Petersen, 2005









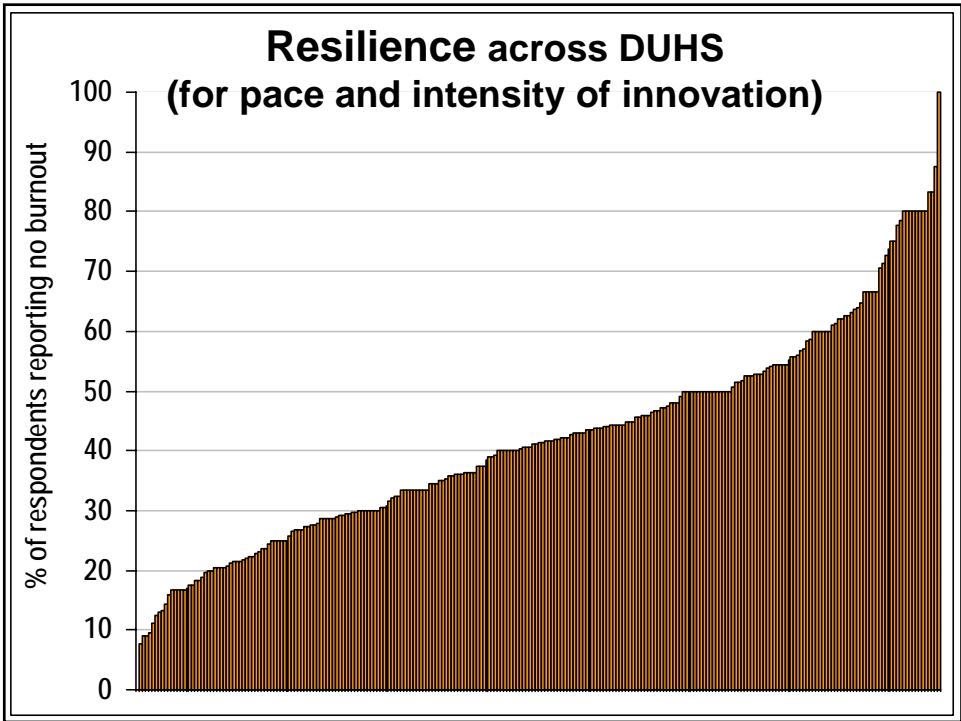
**Duke Internal Medicine Residents**

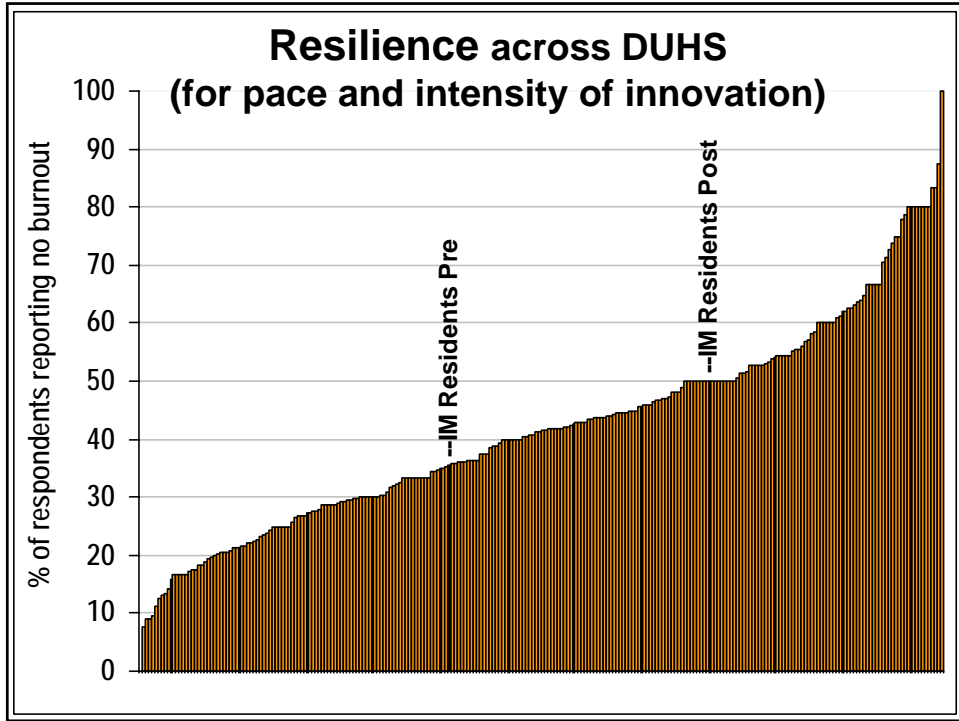
**Paired Samples Test**

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| Pair 1 burnoutscore - burnoutscorexpost  | 7.29167            | 20.48016       | 2.95606         | 1.34485                                   | 13.23849 | 2.467  | 47 | .017 |                 |
| Pair 2 happyscore - happyscorexpost  | -2.69608           | 11.98447       | 1.67816         | -6.06676                                  | .67461   | -1.607 | 50 | .114 |                 |
| Pair 3 sumnewCESD - sumnewCESDxpost  | 2.22222            | 4.76678        | .71059          | .79012                                    | 3.65432  | 3.127  | 44 | .003 |                 |
| Pair 4 Communication breakdowns that lead to delays are common in my work setting. - Communication breakdowns that lead to delays are common in my work setting.                               | .388               | 1.222          | .175            | .037                                      | .739     | 2.222  | 48 | .031 |                 |
| Pair 5 I sometimes fall asleep when I don't intend to (e. g., in the car watching a movie, etc.). - I sometimes fall asleep when I don't intend to (e. g., in the car watching a movie, etc.). | .347               | 1.284          | .183            | -.022                                     | .716     | 1.892  | 48 | .065 |                 |
| Pair 6 Dealing with difficult colleagues is consistently a challenging part of my job. - Dealing with difficult colleagues is consistently a challenging part of my job.                       | .479               | 1.072          | .155            | .168                                      | .790     | 3.098  | 47 | .003 |                 |
| Pair 7 I often take work home with me to complete after hours. - I often take work home with me to complete after hours.   | .400               | 1.214          | .181            | .035                                      | .765     | 2.211  | 44 | .032 |                 |

## Duke Internal Medicine Resident Results

- Thanks to the efforts of Drs. Jon Bae and Amy Zaas, as well as our Medical Student researcher Whitney Chadwick.
- Main Findings:
  - Lower burnout, lower depression in the post
  - Fewer delays
  - Less conflict
  - Better work-life balance
- Residents enjoyed participating in the research





### Duke PS Leadership Cohort

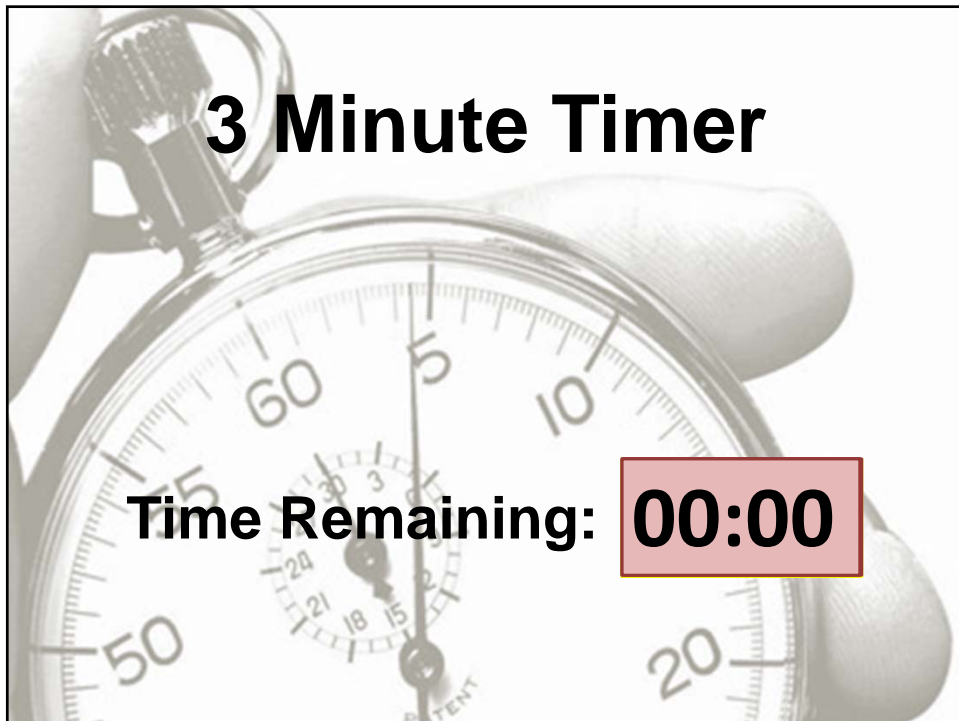
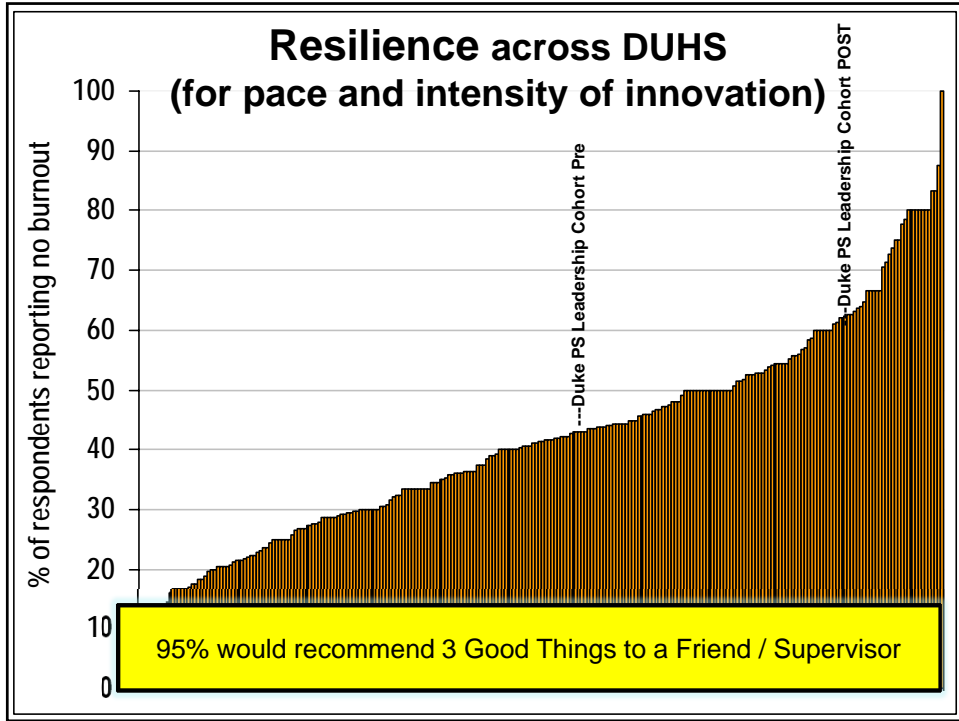
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| Pair 2              | Worklife Balance Scale Score PRE - Worklife Balance Scale Score DAY 15                        | .29796             | .55200         | .05819          | .18235                                    | .41358   | 5.121  | 89 | .000            |
| Pair 3              | burnoutscore - burnoutscore15   | 9.34066            | 22.80986       | 2.39112         | 4.59028                                   | 14.09104 | 3.906  | 90 | .000            |
| Pair 4              | Skipped a meal - Skipped a meal   | .273               | .798           | .085            | .104                                      | .442     | 3.205  | 87 | .002            |
| Pair 5              | Worked through a shift/day without any breaks - Worked through a shift/day without any breaks | .447               | .893           | .097            | .254                                      | .640     | 4.615  | 84 | .000            |
| Pair 6              | Changed personal/family plans because of work - Changed personal/family plans because of work | .244               | .950           | .105            | .035                                      | .453     | 2.325  | 81 | .023            |
| Pair 7              | Slept less than 5 hours in a night - Slept less than 5 hours in a night                       | .169               | .856           | .091            | -.012                                     | .349     | 1.858  | 88 | .067            |
| Pair 8              | Arrived home late from work - Arrived home late from work                                     | .398               | .936           | .103            | .193                                      | .602     | 3.869  | 82 | .000            |
| Pair 9              | Ate a poorly balanced meal - Ate a poorly balanced meal                                       | .227               | .840           | .090            | .049                                      | .405     | 2.537  | 87 | .013            |
| Pair 10             | Had difficulty sleeping - Had difficulty sleeping   | .318               | .865           | .092            | .135                                      | .501     | 3.451  | 87 | .001            |

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| Pair 2              | In general, I consider myself. - iamhappy15   | -.20879        | .73811          | .07738                                    | -.36251  | -.05507  | -2.698 | 90              | .008 |
| Pair 3              | Compared to most of my peers, I consider myself. - Compared to most of my peers, I consider myself.   | -.292          | .772            | .082                                      | -.455    | -.130    | -3.571 | 88              | .001 |
| Pair 4              | Some people are generally not very happy. Although they are not depressed, they never seem as happy... - Some people are generally not very happy. Although they are not depressed, they never seem as happy...   | .253           | 1.379           | .145                                      | -.034    | .540     | 1.748  | 90              | .084 |
| Pair 5              | Some people are generally very happy. They enjoy life regardless of what is going on, getting the mo... - Some people are generally very happy. They enjoy life regardless of what is going on, getting the mo... | -.484          | 1.158           | .121                                      | -.725    | -.242    | -3.982 | 90              | .000 |

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| Pair 2              | I feel fatigued when I get up in the morning and have to face another day on the job. - I feel fatigued when I get up in the morning and have to face another day on the job. | .604           | 1.316           | .138                                      | .330    | .878     | 4.383 | 90              | .000 |
| Pair 3              | I feel burned out from my work. - I feel burned out from my work.   | .330           | 1.055           | .111                                      | .110    | .549     | 2.982 | 90              | .004 |
| Pair 4              | I feel frustrated by my job. - I feel frustrated by my job.   | .198           | 1.276           | .134                                      | -.068   | .463     | 1.479 | 90              | .143 |
| Pair 5              | I feel I am working too hard on my job. - I feel I am working too hard on my job.   | .360           | 1.245           | .132                                      | .097    | .622     | 2.724 | 88              | .008 |



## Three good things

- For 14 days, reflect on the positive, and your role in bringing it about
- Best time is right before sleep onset
- Learning about how others use it can be very helpful/inspiring
- Remember your resilience pillars as “Good Thing Prompts”
- Better sleep quality, positive interactions, see positive patterns
- Beware of transitions – some people fall off on their Three Good Things in transitions to and from the weekend

### Three Good Things Results (Severe Depression N=50)

|           | Happiness                             | CES-D                     |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pre-test  | 53.4<br>(15 <sup>th</sup> percentile) | 33.90<br>(severe)         |
| Post-test | 69.8<br>(50 <sup>th</sup> percentile) | 17.20<br>(mild-moderate)  |
| Change    | +16.4<br>(92% increased)              | -16.70<br>(94% Decreased) |

\*Results within 14.8 days on average

**In other words – your resilience is a function of your ability to cope (person), and the availability of resources (situation) related to health/well being**

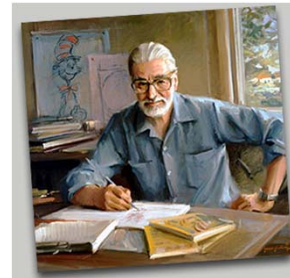
## **Take Home**

- Redefine Quality
- Burnout/Resilience predicts quality
  - 1 out of 3 are burned out
- Protect prefrontal reserves
  - Cultivate what you do well (3:1 ratio)
  - Three Good Things
  - ACR
  - Sleep: <3or >5 hours; nap prophylactically; Vitamin D; Blue Blockers; skip snooze
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Source: J. Bryan Sexton, PhD

Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.

Theodor ("Dr. Seuss") Geisel,  
The Lorax

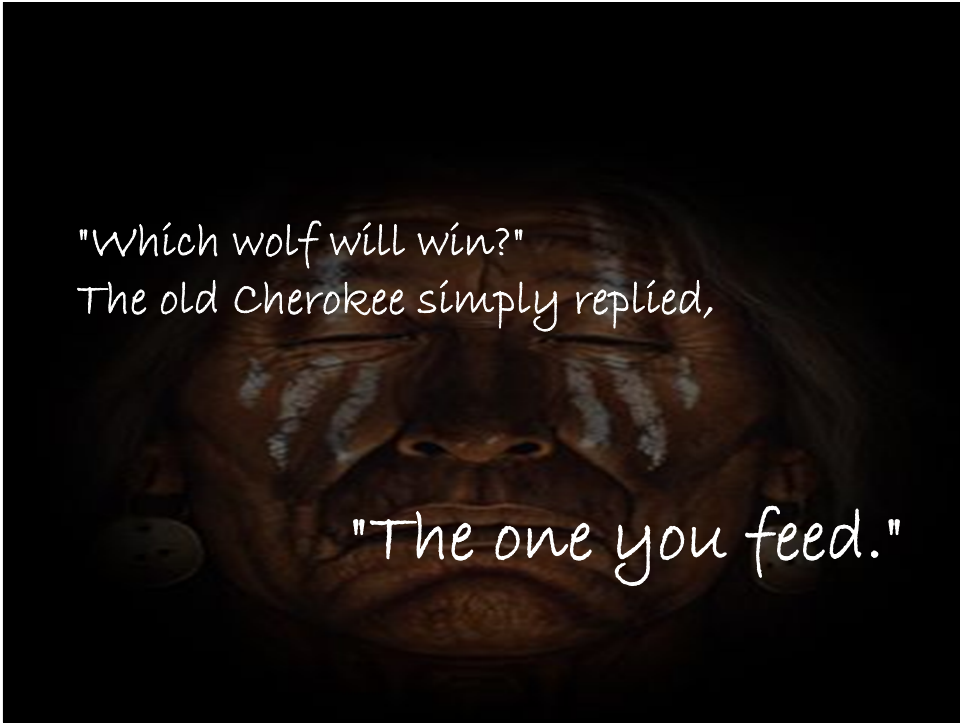


### The Two Wolves Cherokee Legend

An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life. "A fight is going on inside me," he said to the boy.

"It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is evil - he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego." He continued, "The other is good - he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. The same fight is going on inside you - and inside every other person, too."

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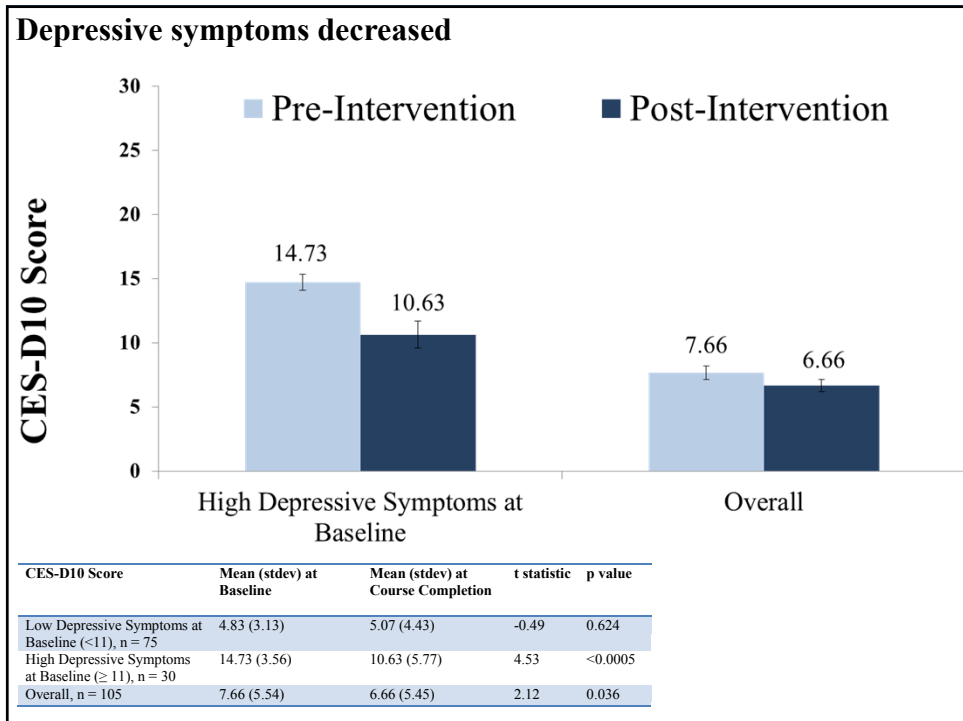
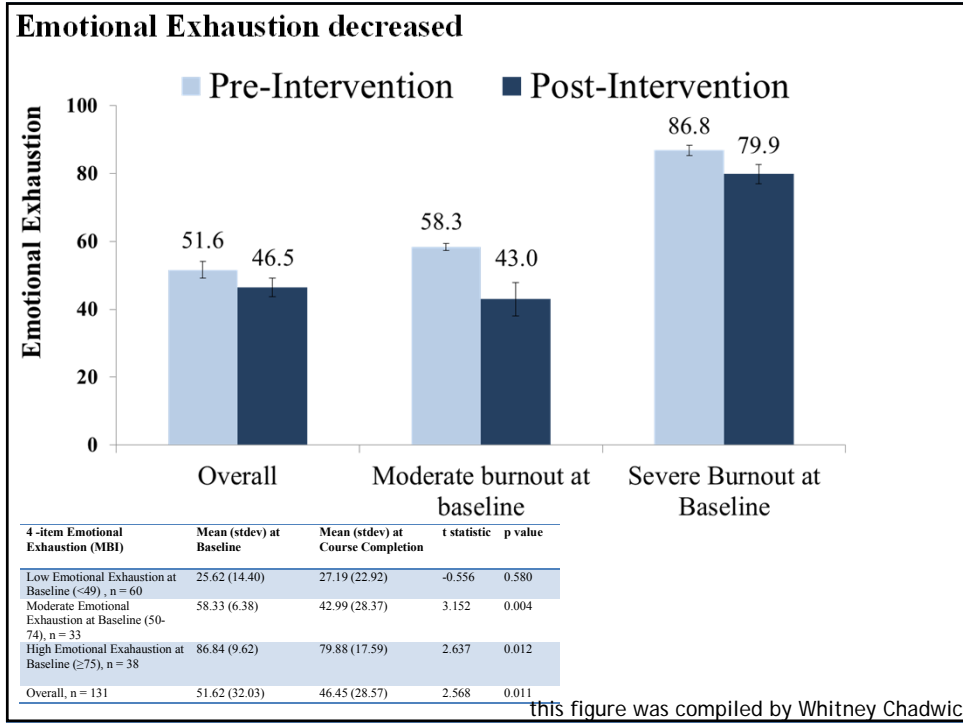
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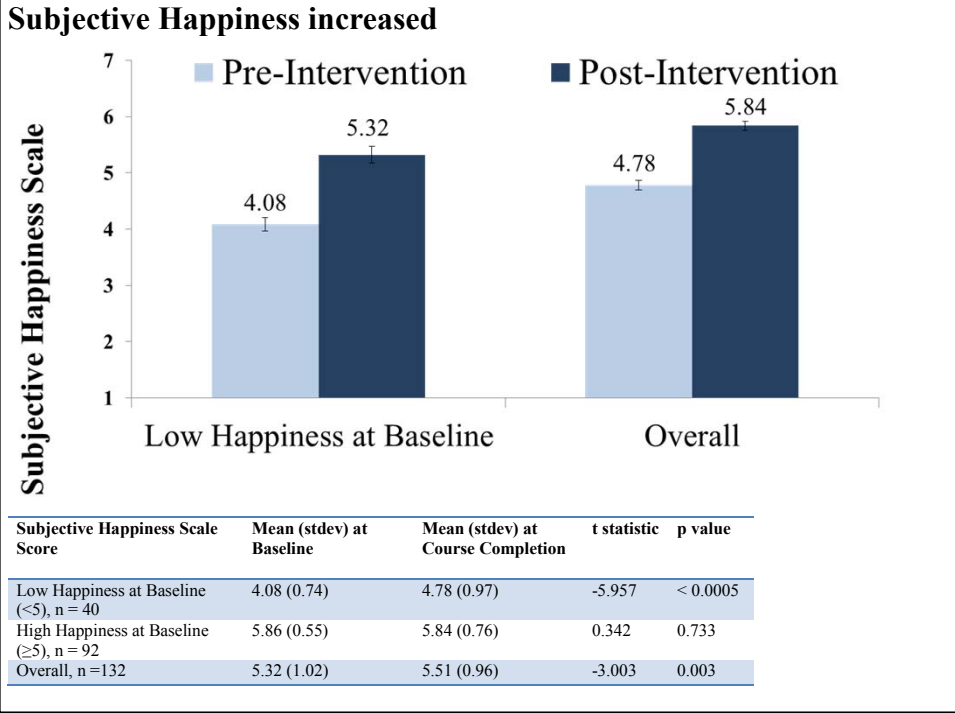
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- Improved immune system function <sup>4</sup>
- Improved relationships <sup>5</sup>
- Improved coping with emotional upheavals <sup>6</sup>



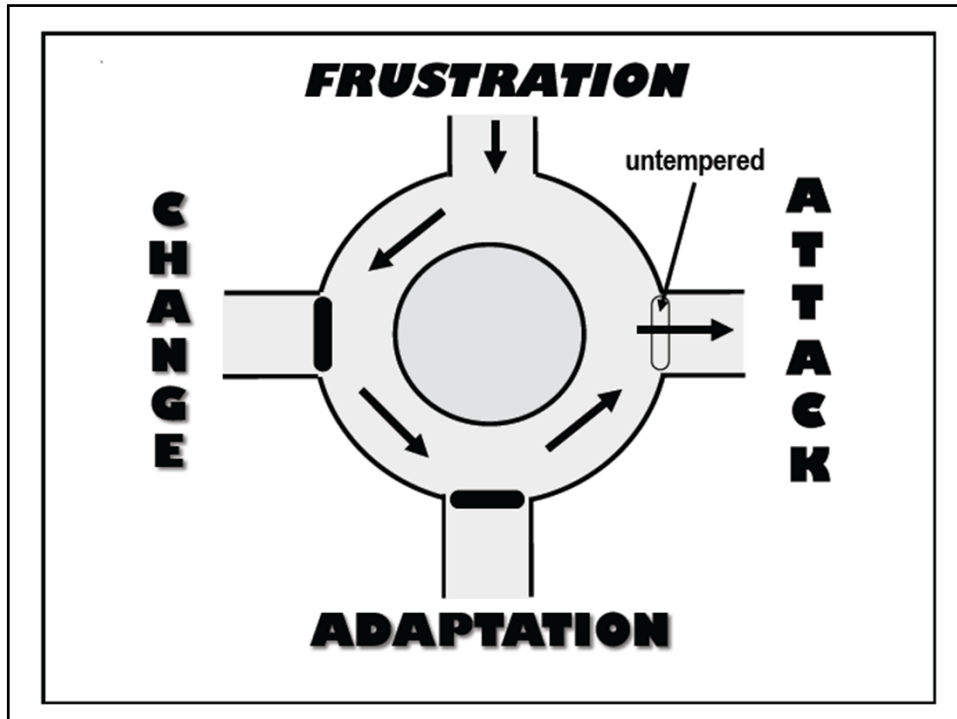




#### Work-Life Balance Variables, Pre and Post Intervention

|  | Pre-WISER <sup>‡</sup> | Post-WISER <sup>‡</sup> | t-statistic <sup>‡</sup> | p-value |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| Deliberately attempted to notice things without evaluating or judging them | 54.8%                  | 82.2%                   | -4.346                   | <0.0005 |
| Deliberately helped my circadian rhythms through skin exposure to sunlight | 43.8%                  | 75.3%                   | -7.915                   | <0.0005 |
| Spent time outside, enjoying nature  | 87.7%                  | 90.4%                   | -4.874                   | <0.0005 |
| Spent time stretching  | 46.6%                  | 69.9%                   | -3.96                    | <0.0005 |
| Thought about my personal resilience                                       | 61.6%                  | 85.0%                   | -4.623                   | <0.0005 |
| Thought about the resilience of others                                     | 58.9%                  | 80.8%                   | -3.657                   | <0.0005 |
| Prayed at work   | 59.1%                  | 69.3%                   | -2.817                   | 0.006   |
| Argued with a coworker   | 17.0%                  | 8.0%                    | 2.726                    | 0.008   |
| Spent time thinking about and learning from my past                        | 75.0%                  | 79.6%                   | -2.533                   | 0.013   |
| Reflected on my day or my life   | 76.7%                  | 89.0%                   | -2.313                   | 0.022   |
| Had difficulty sleeping  | 70.4%                  | 61.4%                   | 2.17                     | 0.032   |
| Used aspirin or other pain relievers                                       | 56.2%                  | 49.3%                   | 2.02                     | 0.046   |
| Exercised  | 61.4%                  | 70.4%                   | -1.215                   | 0.227   |
| Ate a poorly balanced meal   | 69.2%                  | 76.9%                   | 1.156                    | 0.250   |

<sup>‡</sup>Pre and post WISER percentages represent the percent of respondents who reported engaging in the referenced activity once or more in the previous week. <sup>‡</sup>T-test conducted on mean values for each item, percentages reported here for interpretability.



## The Stages

- Rumination (negative loops)
  - Burnout
    - Physical, Mental and Emotional Exhaustion
    - Shame and Doubt (imposter syndrome grows)
    - Cynicism and Negativity
  - Depression and/or PTSD (time for meds)

### Prevalence of adverse events in hospitals

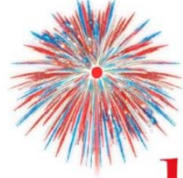
| Author, year, country (N)    | AE (%) | Disability (%) | Mortality (%) | Preventability (%) |
|------------------------------|--------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Brennan, 1991, USA (30,195)  | 3.7    | 2.6            | 13.6          | NA                 |
| Gawande, 1992, USA (14,700)  | 2.9    | NA             | 8.8           | 53                 |
| Wilson, 1995, AUS (14,179)   | 16.6   | 13.7           | 4.9           | 51                 |
| Vincent, 2001, UK (1,014)    | 10.8   | 6              | 8             | 48                 |
| Schioler, 2002, DK (1,097)   | 9      | 26.3           |               | 40.4               |
| Davis, 2004, NZ (6,579)      | 8.8    | 15             |               | 58.8               |
| Baker, 2004, CND (3,745)     | 7.5    | 5.2            | 15.9          | 36.9               |
| Michel, 2004, F (786)        | 15.4   | NA             |               | 6.4                |
| Soop, 2009, SW (1,967)       | 12.3   | NA             | 3             | 70                 |
| Zegers, 2009, NL (7,926)     | 5.7    | 12.8           |               | 2.3                |
| Aranaz-A, 2009, SP (5,908)   | 11.6   | 16             | 4.4           | 43                 |
| Mendes, 2009, BR (1,103)     | 7.6    | NA             |               | 66.7               |
| Aranaz-A, 2011, LAc (11,379) | 10.5   | 28             | 6             | 59                 |

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## Positive Psychology Progress

### *Empirical Validation of Interventions*

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University of Pennsylvania  
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University of Michigan

*Positive psychology has flourished in the last 5 years. The authors review recent developments in the field, including books, meetings, courses, and conferences. They also discuss the newly created classification of character strengths and virtues, a positive complement to the various editions of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (e. g., American Psychiatric Association, 1994), and present some cross-cultural findings that suggest a surprising ubiquity of strengths and virtues. Finally, the authors focus on psychological interventions that increase individual happiness. In a 6-group, random-assignment, placebo-controlled Internet study, the authors tested 5 purported happiness interventions and 1 plausible control exercise. They found that 3 of the interventions lastingly increased happiness and decreased depressive symptoms. Positive interventions can supplement traditional interventions that relieve suffering and may someday be the practical legacy of positive psychology.*

application (Linley & Joseph, 2004). Can psychologists take what they have learned about the science and practice of treating mental illness and use it to create a practice of making people lastingly happier? That is, can they create an evidence-based practice of positive psychology?

In this article, we first review the recent growth within positive psychology. Next, we describe basic research that bears on whether people can become lastingly happier, and then we present the results of our own happiness interventions that we rigorously tested with a randomized, placebo-controlled design.

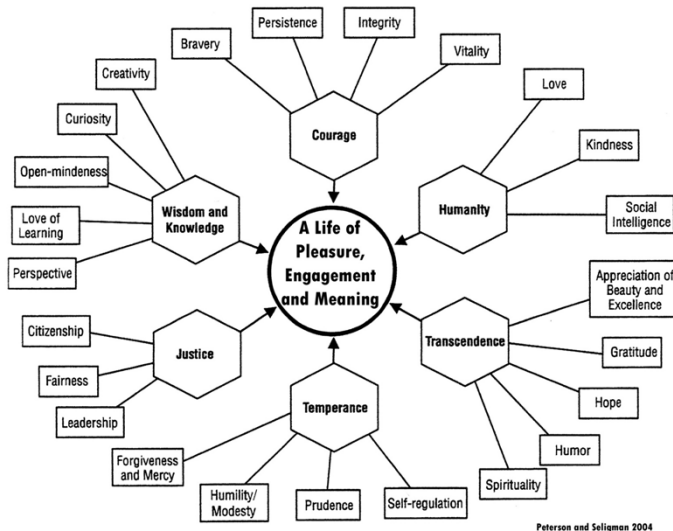
### Progress Report

Positive psychology is an umbrella term for the study of positive emotions, positive character traits, and enabling institutions. Research findings from positive psychology

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# Signature Strengths

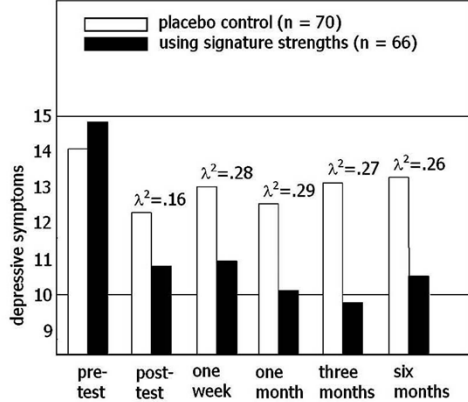
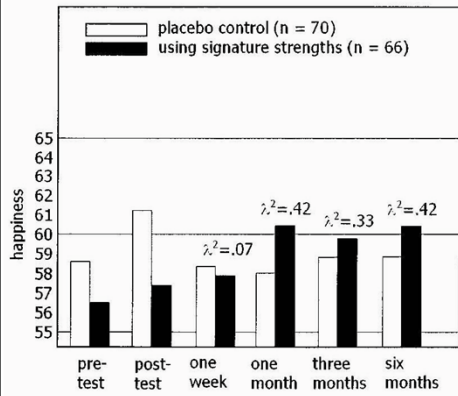


# Signature Strengths

- “Does this strength express who I am?”
- “Do I feel excited to display this quality?”
- “Do I feel that no one can stop me when I’m using this strength?”
- “Do I express enthusiasm and joy when using this strength?”
- “Do I feel invigorated by it?”



# Signature Strengths



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I

I walk down the street.  
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk  
I fall in.  
I am lost ... I am helpless.  
It isn't my fault.  
It takes me forever to find a way out.

II

I walk down the same street.  
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.  
I pretend I don't see it.  
I fall in again.  
I can't believe I am in the same place  
but, it isn't my fault.  
It still takes a long time to get out.

III

I walk down the same street.  
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.  
I see it is there.  
I still fall in ... it's a habit.  
my eyes are open  
I know where I am.  
It is my fault.  
I get out immediately.

IV

I walk down the same street.  
There is a deep hole in the sidewalk.  
I walk around it.

V

I walk down another street.

## In the past 20 years...

- Productivity up 21%
- Ability to make well-informed decisions is remarkably better
  - 20 year ago due diligence = reference book
  - Today there is the internet, google, smartphone apps
- Stress levels have soared
- Worklife Balance Plummeted
  - Intergenerational warfare

## In the past 10 years...

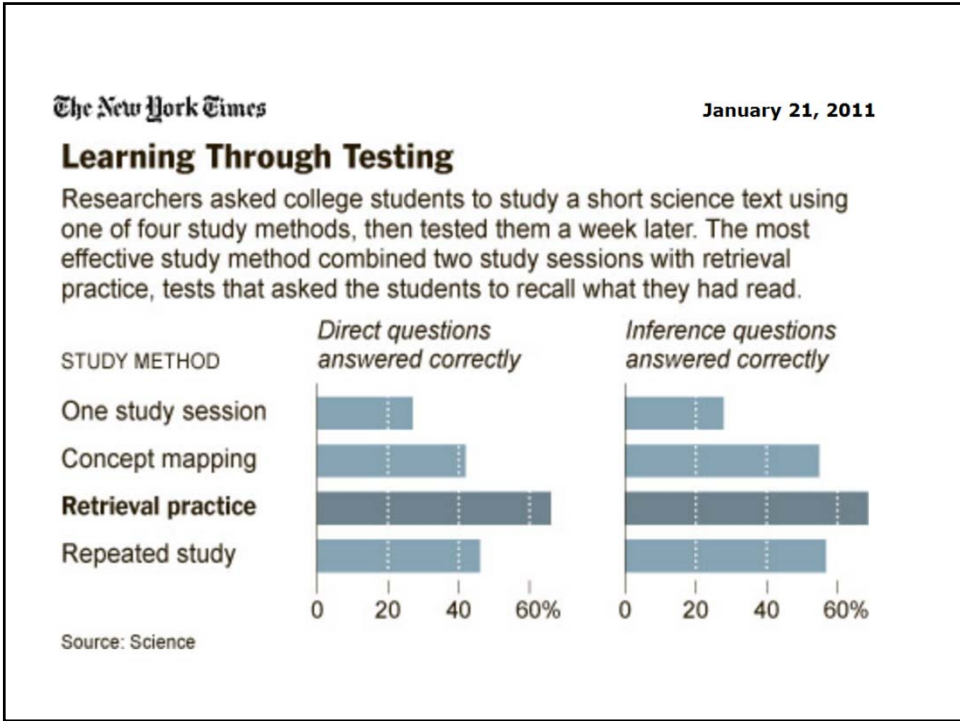
- The unintended consequences of “smart phones”
    - Information fatigue harms ability to make smart, creative, successful decisions
      - Sacrificing accuracy and thoughtfulness for immediacy
      - Even objectively better decisions result in less satisfaction
- Angelika Dimoka, Director of the Center for Neural Decision Making at Temple University*
- The opportunity vs. requirement to multitask
    - 2001 Multitasking = Thrill
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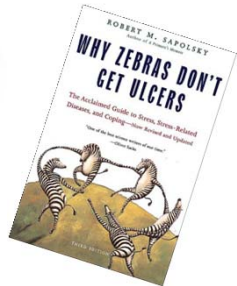


## Stress Comes from Things you can not Predict and/or Control



“Stress can wreak havoc with your metabolism, raise your blood pressure, burst your white blood cells, make you flatulent, ruin your sex life, and if that is not enough, possibly damage your brain.”

--Dr. Robert Sapolsky, Professor of Biological Sciences and Neuroscience at Stanford University



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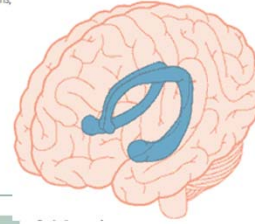
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# Stress Predicts Brain Changes in Children: A Pilot Longitudinal Study on Youth Stress, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, and the Hippocampus

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## ABSTRACT

**OBJECTIVE.** Does stress damage the brain? Studies of adults with posttraumatic stress disorder have demonstrated smaller hippocampal volumes when compared with the volumes of adults with no posttraumatic stress disorder. Studies of children with posttraumatic stress disorder have not replicated the smaller hippocampal findings in adults, which suggests that smaller hippocampal volume may be caused by neurodevelopmental experiences with stress. Animal research has demonstrated that the glucocorticoids secreted during stress can be neurotoxic to the hippocampus, but this has not been empirically demonstrated in human samples. We hypothesized that cortisol volumes would predict hippocampal volume reduction in patients with posttraumatic symptoms.

**PATIENTS AND METHODS.** We report data from a pilot longitudinal study of children (*n* = 15) with history of maltreatment who underwent clinical evaluation for posttraumatic stress disorder, cortisol, and neuroimaging.

**RESULTS.** Posttraumatic stress disorder symptoms and cortisol at baseline predicted hippocampal reduction over an ensuing 12- to 18-month interval.

**CONCLUSIONS.** Results from this pilot study suggest that stress is associated with hippocampal reduction in children with posttraumatic stress disorder symptoms and provide preliminary human evidence that stress may indeed damage the hippocampus. Additional studies seem to be warranted.

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**Key Words**  
stress, child maltreatment, cortisol, MRI, hippocampus

**Abbreviations**  
PTSD—posttraumatic stress disorder  
DSM-IV—Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition  
CAPS-CA—Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale for Children and Adolescents  
CSF—cerebrospinal fluid  
HPA—hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal  
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## LETTER

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### A stress response pathway regulates DNA damage through $\beta_2$ -adrenoreceptors and $\beta$ -arrestin-1

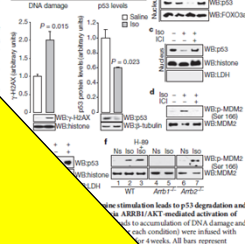
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The brain and body respond to stress, a state of perceived threat, by activating the sympathetic nervous system and secreting catecholamines (adrenaline and noradrenaline) in the 'fight or flight' response. The stress response is generally transient because its activating effects (for example, immunosuppression, growth inhibition and enhanced catabolism) can be harmful in the long term. However, the stress response can be associated with disease states, such as specific chronic or cardiovascular disorders, and epidemiological studies strongly indicate that chronic stress leads to DNA damage. Chronic stress-induced DNA damage may promote ageing<sup>1</sup>, tumour progression<sup>2</sup>, psychiatric conditions<sup>3,4</sup> and miscarriages<sup>5</sup>. How events occur in the brain and body that are expressed throughout the body, including in the developing embryo<sup>6</sup>, is dependent on the activation of protein kinases and transcription factors as signal transducers in the mechanism by which both  $\alpha_1$ - and  $\beta$ -adrenoreceptors lead to DNA damage and apoptosis in human cell lines, adrenoreceptors facilitate and also promotes MDM2 acting as a molecular scaffold, is altered in Arabidopsis knockdown served p53 levels in both the acutely acute or chronic stress<sup>7</sup>. stress may affect the offspring's emerging role of ARRB1 as an E3 reveal how DNA damage may occur.

As a model of chronic stress and adrenoreceptors<sup>8,9</sup>, wild-type mice were either saline or the  $\beta_2$ -adrenoreceptor agonist analogue of adrenaline. First, we

found that  $\beta_2$ -adrenoreceptors (Supplementary Fig. 2a-c). Moreover, the p53 in these cells, as well as in all other cell lines used in these studies (fibroblasts and HEK-293 cells), was demonstrated to be functional by a variety of techniques (Supplementary Fig. 3a-k), and all cell lines endogenously expressed only the  $\beta_2$ -subtype of  $\beta$ -adrenoreceptors (Supplementary Fig. 2a-c).

The isoproterenol-induced reduction in p53 levels results from p53 degradation, and is abolished by proteasome inhibition (Supplementary



...prolonged exposure to our own stress hormones damages our DNA, promoting ageing, cancer, psychiatric disorders and miscarriages...

adrenaline or noradrenaline) leads to accumulation of DNA damage and a decrease in p53 levels in cultured U2OS cells (Supplementary Fig. 2a-c). Moreover, the p53 in these cells, as well as in all other cell lines used in these studies (fibroblasts and HEK-293 cells), was demonstrated to be functional by a variety of techniques (Supplementary Fig. 3a-k), and all cell lines endogenously expressed only the  $\beta_2$ -subtype of  $\beta$ -adrenoreceptors (Supplementary Fig. 2a-c). The isoproterenol-induced reduction in p53 levels results from p53 degradation, and is abolished by proteasome inhibition (Supplementary Fig. 3d).  $\beta_2$ -adrenoreceptor stimulation leads to p53 degradation and ARRB1-mediated activation of p53 to accumulation of DNA damage and apoptosis in human cell lines, adrenoreceptors facilitate and also promotes MDM2 acting as a molecular scaffold, is altered in Arabidopsis knockdown served p53 levels in both the acutely acute or chronic stress<sup>7</sup>. stress may affect the offspring's emerging role of ARRB1 as an E3 reveal how DNA damage may occur. As a model of chronic stress and adrenoreceptors<sup>8,9</sup>, wild-type mice were either saline or the  $\beta_2$ -adrenoreceptor agonist analogue of adrenaline. First, we

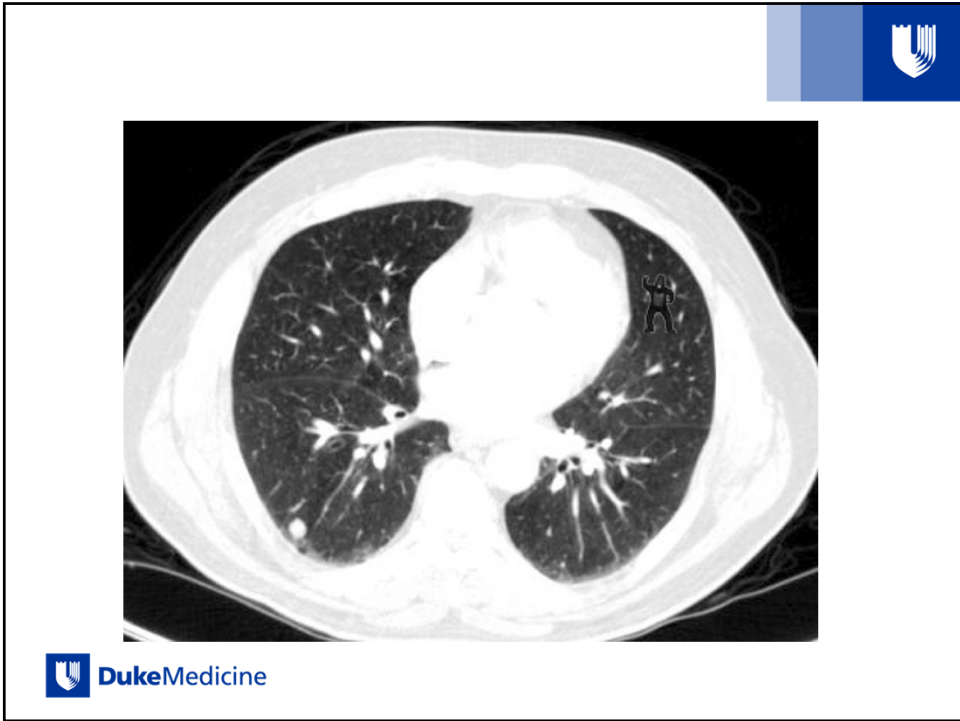
# Rituals grow out of context and a belief in that context.

- Coffee, travel, watching TV, Holiday Parties, Prayer, potlucks, reading, nap, eating with family, laying clothes out, making to-do lists

- A **ritual** is also a series of steps – but it’s a sequence of carefully edited, selected steps, with a side benefit. The side benefit might be relaxation. Feeling grounded. A spiritual connection. A sense of [nourishment](#). A sense of purpose. Or pure enjoyment.

The difference between a routine and a ritual is not the action, but the attitude behind the action. To some, a routine is getting up every morning, brushing your teeth, taking a shower, getting dressed, and going to work. It is not a meaningful part of our day, but it needs to get done so we do it. It’s a chore. Rituals, on the other hand, are viewed as more meaningful practices. Often, there is symbolism involved, and a real sense of purpose. A big part of it is your subjective experience of the activity. I define the key differences as follows:

|                                    |                                |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Routines                           | Rituals                        |
| Minimal engagement.                | Full engagement.               |
| Tedious and meaningless.           | Symbolic and meaningful        |
| Externally motivated.              | Internally motivated.          |
| Life as a duty.                    | Life as a celebration.         |
| Dull awareness.                    | Bright awareness.              |
| Disconnected series of events.     | Tells a story.                 |
| Little sense of belonging.         | Sense of belonging.            |
| Focus only on completion of tasks. | Focus on performance of tasks. |



Notice anything unusual about this lung scan? Harvard researchers found that 83 percent of radiologists didn't notice the gorilla in the top right portion of this image.

