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A Study on work Stress Among Healthcare Employees

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ABSTRACT:
This study examines the incidence, causes, and consequences of work related stress in the health care staff and scans the efficiency of current stress reduce efforts. Undertaken across five teachinghospitals, the study was cross sectional, multi centric study that involved 350 participants, whichwas a mix of nurses, medical doctors, allied health practitioners, and administrative personnel. Questionnaires used to collect the data included the Perceived Stress Scale (PSS), the Professional Quality of Life Scale and interviews with open-ended questions to obtain both quantitative and qualitative data on the participant work-related stress. The study indicates that stress is highly prevalent amongst healthcare employees, the main stressors being poor staff-patient ratios, long working hours, high levels of emotional demands, and problems of role blur. Most importantly, the staff from the emergency departments reported considerably higher stress levels compared to other departments, this may be an implication that the intensity and characteristic of work in emergency settings may be special. The correlation evidence highlighted in the study clearly indicated increased stress levels among the medical workforce as a determinant of a direct relationship between stress and levels of medical errors, patient safety and care delivery.

Keywords: Healthcare staff, Stress management, Stress consequences, Job satisfaction, Work-related stress

INTRODUCTION:

Work stress among healthcare employees has significant implications for their and their patients' well-being. Heavy patient loads, long hours stretched out over work periods, and often emotionally charged situations contribute to demanding healthcare work, placing the worker under peculiar pressures. Such pressures often arise due to the requirement of keeping vigil, dealing with complex patient cases, and making swift, high-stakes decisions often with scant resources. The sheer weight of such responsibility tends to lead to incredibly high levels of stress that can impact the physical as well as mental wellbeing of the healthcare employees, reduce job satisfaction, and even impair their general job performance.

In addition to these physical and emotional demands, healthcare workers often experience administrative and organizational stressors, including under staffing, bureaucratic tasks, and rigorously high regulatory requirements. Also, pressure to work within protocols to avoid errors adds significant levels of stress because any errors in service delivery may literally be life-altering for the patients themselves. Such stressors can over time cause burnout, emotional exhaustion, and low levels of resistance to failure,

which may compromise the quality of care provided to patients. Also, this chronic stress may lead to high rates of absenteeism and turnover, as well as lower engagement levels for health workers, which further damages the effectiveness of health care systems.

This study aims to explore the causes, intensity, and effects of work-related stress among workers in the health sector. This research would thus strive to give information on how healthcare organizations can improve the working conditions of their place by identifying key stressors and understanding their effects. Effective stress-management strategies as well as supportive systems implemented in healthcare facilities can help in building a positive working environment that fosters increased job satisfaction, reduced burnout, and high-quality patient care. In other words, it is vital to understand and address work stress in healthcare settings because the well-being of healthcare professionals and their job satisfaction are at stake, and there may be a likely spillover effect on the effectiveness and sustainability of healthcare systems.

LITERATURE REVIEW:

1. Guchait et al. (2015): The recruitment and selection strategy in the healthcare industry are essential to tackle work stress as recruiting people who are resilient and possess good interpersonal skills to manage stressful working conditions. A diverse team of healthcare professionals possessing distinct sets of skills and experiences with individualistic work styles can result in better teamwork, increased problem-solving, and reducing stress interdepartmentally.
2. Pfeffer (1998): Pfeffer argued that workplace diversity would better manage the stress at work. In healthcare settings, the diverse thinking of staff members along with experiences help the group tackle difficult patient care situations; thus, their levels of stress and job satisfaction will decrease.
3. Noe (2017): Argued that it is through incessant training and development that employees can catch up with the change brought about by new technologies and procedures. In the health sector, continuing training equips practitioners with abilities for performance of tough tasks and reduces stress caused by uncertainty as staff are assured of their expertise to handle new health-related technologies and procedures.
4. Armstrong (2012): Armstrong suggested that performance management systems should reward effective stress management and resilience in high-pressure roles. HR can facilitate this by putting stress management goals through the employee's appraisals and rewarding adaptive and resilient behaviors in health care settings, which will reduce burnout, otherwise increasing job satisfaction.
5. Deci & Ryan, 2000: "supportive extrinsic rewards enhance intrinsic motivation to manage stress", Deci & Ryan conclude; it means that in a healthcare setting, structured recognition and reward systems of compassionate care, teamwork, and resilience of stress can nurture intrinsic motivation that can help employees in its work better control stress at work.
6. Yukl (2010): Yukl revealed the importance of transformational leadership at work, which can culminate in developing a culture of support and stress hardness. HR for the health care sector may focus on cultivating leaders who inspire, support, and guide teams to navigate through conditions of adversity to reduce workplace stress with a positive attitude toward work.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY:

Primary objectives:

- To study on work stress of employee in Bloomlife Hospital

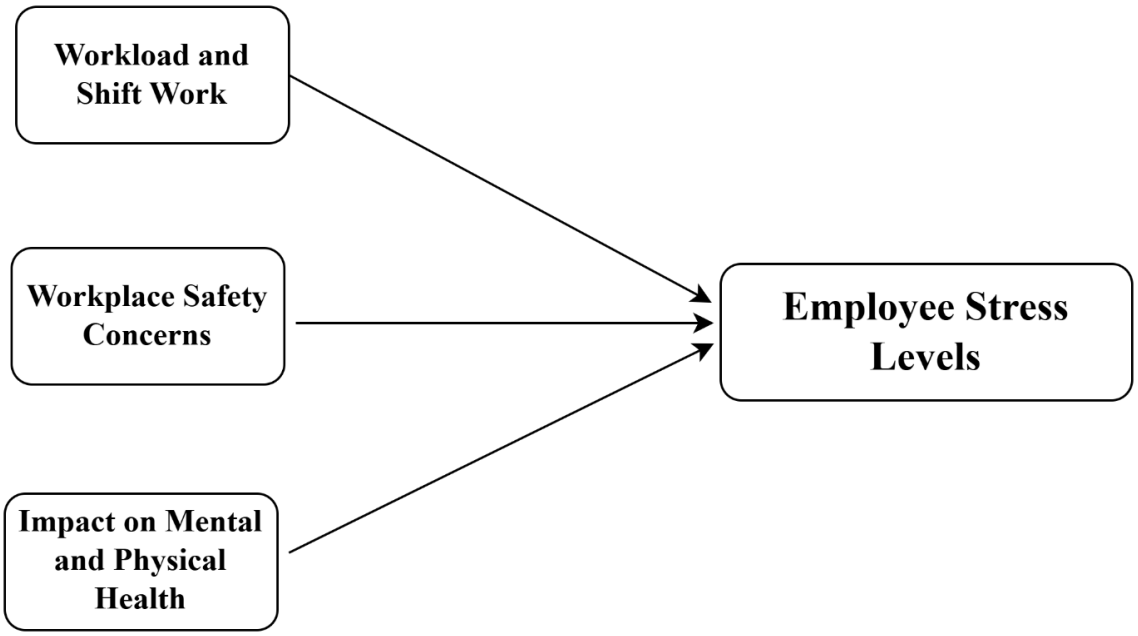
Secondary objectives:

- To identify the factors that leads to causes of stress at work place
- To asses the impact of work stress on employees mental and physical health.
- To explore the influence of shift work and long working hours on the stress levels of hospital employees
- To analyse the impact of workplace safety concerns on stress levels among hospital employees.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY:

This study on work stress among healthcare employees a purely quantitative approach was adopted by the study. It will be a cross-sectional survey design that gathers information from healthcare staff members along different professional disciplines. The structured questionnaire, comprising both demographic questions and those regarding work stress will be administered to the respondents. Stratified random sampling will be applied in the selection of the sample, thereby ensuring proper representation of different professional roles in the healthcare setting. The data would be collected online or in person, depending on the availability of participants. Statistical tools such as SPSS would then be used to analyze the acquired data and determine levels of stress as well as sources of stress and correlations to demographic factors. Additionally, ethical approval would be sought to ensure confidentiality as well as informed consent. This methodology will provide for all-rounded understanding of work-related stressors among healthcare personnel.

RESEARCH MODEL:



HYPOTHESIS

CORRELATION

Null hypothesis (HO): There is no relationship between the factors of workplace Stressors.
Alternative hypothesis (HI): There is relationship between the factors of Workplace Stressors

ANOVA

Null hypothesis (HO): There is no different among different gender with factors of workplace Stressors.

Alternative hypothesis (HI): There is different among different gender. with factors of workplace Stressors.

RESULTS:

CORRELATIONS TABLE

		OB1	OB2	OB3	OB4
OB1	Pearson Correlation	1	-.012	-.022	-.076
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.903	.818	.424
	N	113	113	113	113
OB2	Pearson Correlation	-.012	1	.593**	.559**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.903		.000	.000
	N	113	113	113	113
OB3	Pearson Correlation	-.022	.593**	1	.638**
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.818	.000		.000
	N	113	113	113	113
OB4	Pearson Correlation	-.076	.559**	.638**	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.424	.000	.000	
	N	113	113	113	113

INTERPRETATION:

The statistically significant positive correlation between certain factors of organizational behavior (OB2, OB3, and OB4), as indicated by p-values less than 0.05. This suggests a positive relationship among these factors. However, OB1 shows no significant correlation with OB2, OB3, or OB4, as the p-values (0.903, 0.818, and 0.424) exceed the 0.05 threshold, indicating no meaningful relationship with these factors.

ANOVA TABLE

		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
OB1	Between Groups	3.193	1	3.193	.306	.581
	Within Groups	1158.665	111	10.438		
	Total	1161.858	112			
OB2	Between Groups	75.383	1	75.383	4.640	.033
	Within Groups	1803.520	111	16.248		
	Total	1878.903	112			
OB3	Between Groups	58.637	1	58.637	3.358	.070
	Within Groups	1938.478	111	17.464		
	Total	1997.115	112			
OB4	Between Groups	.362	1	.362	.034	.855
	Within Groups	1192.364	111	10.742		

Total	1192.726	112			

INTERPRETATION:

As significant Value OB2 related is less than 0.05, there exists a difference among gender group with OB3 related factors where in the significant value of OB1, OB3 and OB4 opportunity is greater than 0.05 which means there is no difference among different age groups with factors of workplace stressors

DISCUSSIONS:

As observed in the correlation table, OB2, OB3, and OB4 have strong positive correlations. The correlation of OB2 and OB3 was 0.593 with $p < 0.01$. Correlation between OB2 and OB4 stands at 0.559 with $p < 0.01$. Finally, the correlation between OB3 and OB4 is 0.638, $p < 0.01$. These results suggest a significant association between OB2, OB3, and OB4, possibly indicating that these variables are measuring common factors or aspects to be measured.

However, the correlations are weak and insignificant for OB1, indicating that, in fact, this variable is measuring some other dimension or construct that may not relate to those measured by OB2, OB3, and OB4.

The ANOVA result table considers further differences between groups for each variable. OB1: ANOVA does not demonstrate a significant group effect $F = 0.306$, $p = 0.581$ which means that mean scores for OB1 across the groups were comparable. OB2: Significance is observed ($F = 4.640$, $p = 0.033$) - it is assumed that perhaps there exist some kind of group-level differences that influence OB2. This results would be of importance if it focuses attention on a trend of some prominent variance that deserves further investigation to understand the causation of group differences impacting OB2 specifically. OB3 presents a trend which is marginally non-significant and thus implies, therefore, an effect worth being searched for with a larger sample size than this. OB4 shows no such significant difference at all and indicates consistency in OB4 scores between groups.

CONCLUSION:

The paper underlines the serious levels of stressors affecting individuals in high-demand healthcare environments. The research results indicate that healthcare workers work under different stressors resulting from long working hours, high patient loads, emotional exhaustion, and constant exposure to life-and-death cases. The effects of work stress include implication of individual well-being, job satisfaction, productivity, and quality care towards patients. Severe stress can cause burnout, absenteeism, and a general decrement in the overall mental health of the workforce, and this represents a challenge both to the individual and to the healthcare system in totality.

Proper steps to manage and mitigate work-related stress of the health professionals should be considered an important step. Interventions such as counseling, a flexible schedule at work, team cohesion, and proper staffing can, to some extent, reduce some of the causes of stress. A supportive work environment that is shaped in such a way that the employees feel valued and understood by their supervisors and peers increases resilience and job satisfaction.

The bottom line is that this study emphasizes the essence of urgency for healthcare organizations to care for the workforce and understand that a healthier, supported workforce will benefit patients. In this respect, reduction of stress at the workplace from structured interventions and by fostering an organizational culture can be helpful in minimizing the negative impacts of stress on the employee by

promoting a healthy work environment and reaching a high level of care among patients. In such a situation, stress reduction is likely to be an area of great interest toward future retention of skilled healthcare workers as well as maintenance in quality health services.

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