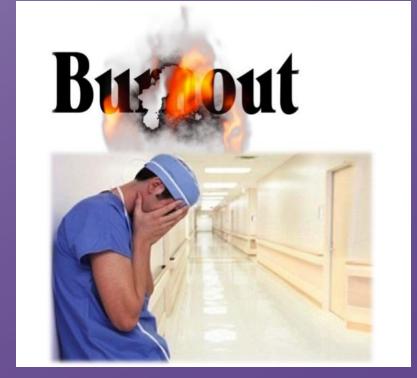
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CLER Pathway 5: Work Hours/Fatigue Management and

Mitigation



Reporting and Monitoring work Hours

How do you report your hours?

- Know your program's method for tracking work hours. Some examples:
 - New Innovations Log
 - Weekly survey
 - Randomized reporting
- Remember, all programs are required to review work hours <u>at least</u> quarterly
- To consider and discuss:
 - Are you honest when reporting your work hours?
 - Do you feel your program/department has a culture that supports fatigue management?



What would you do if you or a fellow colleague felt too fatigued to work?

- "Just keep swimming...!" –Dory, Finding Nemo
 - X WRONG ANSWER X

Even Dory looks tired....

- Immediately talk to your supervising attending or program director
 - This is a patient safety issue!
- Faculty is required to exercise nonjudgmental fatigue management and mitigation for residents and fellows





SAFER Training: Highlights

Sleep, Alertness, and Fatigue Education in Residency

- MYTH: "I've learned not to need as much sleep during my residency"
 - <u>FACT:</u> Human beings (fun fact: doctors *are* human beings!) do not "adapt" to getting less sleep than they need
- MYTH: "If I can just get through the night on call, I'm fine in the morning."
 - <u>FACT:</u> A decline in performance starts after about 15-16 hours of continued wakefulness.





SAFER Training: Highlights continued

Sleep, Alertness, and Fatigue Education in Residency

- Naps DO help!
 - You must allow enough "recovery" time (15-20 mins)
- Fatigue is an impairment like alcohol or drugs.
 - Learn to recognize when you are becoming tired
 - Develop healthy sleep habits
 - 8 hours of sleep a night







What should you do if you witness an event adversely affecting patient care related to fatigue or burnout?

When in doubt, report the event-NETS!

- How do I report?
 - NMH Incident reporting or call Risk Management at 6-RISK
 - Where to find on NMI:



