
oneED - well staff well system

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Summary

Embedding a brief, low-intensity mindfulness-based programme into an ED to enhance staff wellness. It includes a four-minute pause at handover, a weekly mindfulness session and information flyers.

Key dates

Apr 2016

Jun 2020

Implementation sites

Gold Coast University Hospital ED and Robina ED

Partnerships

none

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Aim

To initiate and normalise the conversation around staff wellness and struggle – to make it okay to not be okay for staff working in an Emergency Department (ED) and for them to know that if they struggle, it is normal, they are not alone and they can talk about it.

Benefits

The program definitely has positive benefits on a subconscious level that are intangible or cultural and reminds people of what is important. Staff also feel valued and supported.

Background

ED staff are subject to many stressors, but there are few descriptions of collective approaches to enhancing wellness in this setting. This project was initiated to develop a programme that will address these issues at department level, to report the feasibility and sustainability of the programme, and its impact on staff.

Solutions Implemented

Create time and a culture among staff to incorporate mindfulness in the Emergency Department.

Evaluation and Results

ED staff feedback indicate that these activities make them feel appreciated and that they are not alone.

Lessons Learnt

- Leadership endorsement is vital
- Be adaptable and responsive to feedback
- Persevere!

Further Reading

[Health and wellbeing of the workforce EMA Research Paper](#)

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