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RESILIENCE AS A CORRELATE OF JOB ATTITUDE AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WELLBEING OF DOCTORS WORKING IN PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS





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ABSTRACT:

stable, healthy, and resilient physicians are better equipped for the emotionally and physically demanding tasks of providing care, comfort and hope to patients. Notably, doctors who are proactive about their health more regularly discuss health promotion with patients. We posit that good mental

health is necessary for the development and maintenance of those gratifying qualities of medical professionalism. Doctors' well-being, as the precursor to physician well-being, represents a critical aspect of medical training. In health care; there is little empirical evidence about provider evidences on job attitudes and psychological wellbeing. In reviewing the literature, there are not many evidences that connect resilience with psychological wellbeing and job attitudes whereas some researchers have found direct relationships between psychological wellbeing and resilience and resilience and job attitude in other fields. Anyway, the mediating effect of resilience on the relationship between psychological wellbeing and Job attitude has not been examined in previous researches. This study was carried out on 400 doctors (200 doctors from Government hospital and 200 doctors from private hospital) working in different hospitals in Kerala to study the influence of resilience on psychological well being and job attitude of doctors. The result indicates that Resilience is significantly and positively correlated with psychological well-being and job attitude

KEYWORDS

Resilience Job attitude Psychological Wellbeing, Doctors.











BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY

One dimension of inequality between social groups, as defined by socio-economic status, age, gender and increasingly ethnicity, is the experience of ill health and access to health services (Ahmad and Bradby, 2008). A number of stressors are associated with the health and helping professions, including time pressures, workload, having multiple roles, and emotional issues (Lambert et al., 2004; Lim, Hepworth, &Bogossian, 2011). Frequent environmental stress associated with human pain and distress in the workplace can impact on the physical and mental wellbeing of health professionals and result in burnout and, in some cases, traumatic stress-like symptoms (Stamm, 2010). These negative stress outcomes can impact not only on the wellbeing of health professionals, but also on their ability to care effectively for others (Barnett, Baker, Elman, &Schoener, 2007). It is therefore imperative that a preventive approach is adopted. Developing and fostering resilient environments and individuals within the health profession is emerging as a way to reduce negative, and increase positive, outcomes of stress in health professionals.

Health care is a stressful profession and takes its toll at physical, emotional, and mental levels. To effectively care for other people you must take good care of yourself. Medical service involves taking care of other peoples' lives and mistakes or errors could be costly and sometimes irreversible. It is thus expected that the medical doctor and other staffs themselves must be in a perfect state of mind devoid of morbid worries and anxieties. This is however not usually the case because the doctor apart from being affected by the same variables that impose stress on the general population, is also prone to stress because of the peculiarities of his work situation and the expectation of the society at large.

Stable, healthy, and resilient physicians are also better equipped for the emotionally and physically demanding tasks of providing care, comfort and hope to patients. Notably, doctors who are proactive about their health more regularly discuss health promotion with patients. We posit that good mental health is necessary for the development and maintenance of those gratifying qualities of medical professionalism: Doctors' well-being, as the precursor to physician well-being, represents a critical aspect of medical training.

The studies among doctors disclose many facts and work as an alarming system. For example, low level of satisfaction (dissatisfaction) from job may cause high level of stress, which could eventually be detrimental to physical/ mental health and quality of life. Hence, dissatisfaction from job may lead to increase in conflict, absenteeism, low patient care rate and reduction in quality and quantity of work. Physician's job satisfaction is interrelated to patient satisfaction, patient compliance, and continuity of care. Studies also reveal that dissatisfaction induces lower productivity and increased turnover, which eventually raises costs of the medical services. In health care; there is little empirical evidence about provider evidences on job attitudes and psychological wellbeing. In reviewing the literature, there are not many evidences that connect resilience with psychological wellbeing and job attitudes whereas some researchers have found direct relationships between psychological wellbeing and resilience on the relationship between psychological wellbeing and Job attitude has not been examined in previous researches. Hence the researcher decided to study the influence of resilience on wellbeing and job attitude of doctors.

METHOD

Survey method is adopted in this study, which is descriptive and associated in nature. This study explored the various dimensions of job satisfaction, psychological wellbeing and resilience of doctors.

The sample of the study consisted of doctors from Kerala. The total sample taken for the study is 400 (200 doctors from Private hospital and 200 doctors from Government hospital)

MEASURES

Job Attitude Scale (JAS), (2004) developed by Jayan, to measure the attitude of the employees towards their job. The scale focuses on three dimensions such as Job Commitment, Job Involvement and Job Satisfaction. The Job Attitude Scale is a self-administered one. The reliability and validity of the test has been evaluated by the method of Cronbach's alpha and the alpha coefficient of each domain varies from .73 to .89 and the test- retest reliability is also found to be significant and varies from .63 to .73 respectively. Criterion validity and predictor validity of each of the domain are established.

Resilience Scale RS-14 (Wagnild& Young, 1993). The RS-14 consists in 14 items scale. The Cronbach alpha of the scale is .93. The RS 14 is strongly concurrent correlated with the RS (r=.97, p<.001) and moderately correlated with depressive symptoms (r=-.41) and life satisfaction (r=.37)

Psychological Well-Being Scale: This scale was developed by Ryff (1995). Original form had 120 questions but further studies were shorter forms of 84, 54 questions, 18 questions that were proposed. 84-item scale was used in this study; 84-item questionnaire included six dimensions namely, autonomy, environmental mastery, personal growth, and positive relationships with others, purpose in life and selfacceptance, and each factor has 14 questions. Cronbach's Alpha for each factor listed above was reported 0.83, 0.86, 0.85, 0.88, 0.88 and 0.91 respectively.

HYPOTHESES OF THE STUDY

- Ha 1: Resilience of doctors working in Government hospitals is significantly related to their Job attitude.
- Ha 2: Resilience of doctors working in Government hospitals is significantly related to their Psychological well being
- Ha 3: Resilience of doctors working in Private hospitals is significantly related to their Job attitude
- Ha 4: Resilience of doctors working in Private hospitals is significantly related to their Psychological well being

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Hypothesis 1: Resilience of doctors working in Government hospitals is significantly related to their the job attitude

Table 1 Showing the Correlation coefficient of Resilience and Job Attitudes (dimension wise) of Doctors working in Government Hospitals (N= 200)

| | Job | Job | Job | Total Job Attitude | |
|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|--|
| | Involvement | Commitment | satisfaction | | |
| Resilience | 0.89** | 0.87** | 0.89** | 0.68** | |
| | | | | | |

^{*}Significant at 0.05 level









^{**}Significant at 0.01 level

^{***}Significant at 0.001 level

Table 1 shows that Resilience and Job attitudes are positively and significantly correlated. The correlation between Resilience and Job Attitude is 0.68 which shows positive and significant relationship between these variables. All the dimensions of the Job attitudes are also significantly correlated with Resilience. Job involvement (r=0.89), Job Commitment (r=0.87) and Job Satisfaction (r=0.89). Hence the hypothesis is accepted.

Hypothesis 2: Resilience of doctors working in Government hospitals is significantly related to their Psychological well being.

Table 2 Showing the Correlation coefficient of Resilience and Psychological Well being (dimension wise) of Doctors working in Government Hospitals (N= 200)

| | AT | EM | PG | PRO | PL | SA | PWB |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Resilience | 0.91** | 0.89** | 0.89** | 0.89** | 0.89** | 0.89** | 0.76** |

^{*}Significant at 0.05 level

AT- Autonomy, EM-Environmental Mastery, PG-Personal Growth, PRO-Positive Relation with Others, PL- Purpose of Life, SA-Self Acceptance and PWB-Psychological Wellbeing.

Table 2 shows that Resilience and Psychological well-being are positively and significantly correlated. The correlation between Resilience and Psychological well-being is 0.76 which shows positive and significant relationship between these variables. All the dimensions of the psychological wellbeing are also significantly correlated with resilience. Autonomy (r= 0.91) Environmental Mastery (r= 0.89) Personal Growth (r= 0.89) Positive relation with Others (r= 0.89), Purpose of Life (r= 0.89) and Self acceptance (r=0.89). Hence the hypothesis is accepted.

Hypothesis 3: Resilience of doctors working in Private hospitals is significantly related to their Job attitude

Table 3 Showing the Correlation coefficient of Resilience and Job Attitudes (dimension wise) of Doctors working in Private Hospitals (N= 200)

| | Job | Job | Job | Total Job Attitude | |
|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------------|--|
| | Involvement | Commitment | satisfaction | | |
| Resilience | 0.85** | 0.84** | 0.87** | 0.87** | |

^{*}Significant at 0.05 level

Table 3 shows that Resilience and Job Attitude are positively and significantly correlated. The correlation between Resilience and Job Attitude is 0.87 which shows positive and significant relationship between these variables. All the dimensions of the Job attitudes are also significantly correlated with





^{**}Significant at 0.01 level

^{***}Significant at 0.001 level

^{**}Significant at 0.01 level

^{***}Significant at 0.001 level

resilience. Job involvement (r = 0.84), Job Commitment(r = 0.84) and Job Satisfaction (r = 0.87). Hence the hypothesis is accepted

Hypothesis 4: Resilience of doctors working in Private hospitals is significantly related to their Psychological well being

Table 4 Showing the Correlation coefficient of Resilience and Psychological Well being (dimension wise) of Doctors working in Government Hospitals (N= 200)

| | AT | EM | PG | PRO | PL | SA | PWB |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Resilience | 0.84** | 0.84** | 0.84** | 0.84** | 0.84** | 0.83** | 0.87** |

^{*}Significant at 0.05 level

AT- Autonomy, EM-Environmental Mastery, PG-Personal Growth, PRO-Positive Relation with Others, PL-Purpose of Life, SA-Self Acceptance and PWB-Psychological Wellbeing

Table 4 shows that Resilience and Psychological well-being are positively and significantly correlated. The correlation between Resilience and psychological well-being is 0.87 which shows positive and significant relationship between these variables. All the dimensions of the psychological wellbeing are also significantly correlated with resilience. Autonomy (r = 0.84) Environmental Mastery (r = 0.84) Personal Growth (r = 0.84) Positive relation with Others (r = 0.84), Purpose of Life (r = 0.84) and Self acceptance (r = 0.83). Hence the hypothesis is accepted.

DISCUSSION

Resilience is a skill where people use their personal resources to master a problem or an obstacle and resolve a dilemma. Seeking pertinent information, sharing concern and finding consolation, redefining a situation, considering various alternatives and examining the consequences are the skills required for the effective coping. Utilizing a specific skills help an individual to cope more effectively in a stressful situation, this in turn promotes wellbeing. Dealing effectively with the difficulties in job settings certainly promotes resilience and hence, the relationship between resilience and job attitude is logical. It is found that most of the correlation coefficient is significant among doctors from private and government sectors and hence, the hypotheses are accepted. It is concluded that the Job attitude and resilience of staff doctors are significantly related to each other. Job attitude indicates the amount of agreement between ones expectation of the job and the rewards that the job provides. Job Attitude is a kind of motivation which helps an individual to have the feeling that the nature of the job and the job environment is pleasurable, which, in turn, affect ones feeling on the job. Satisfaction arises from complex set of circumstances, in the same way, which the motivation does. Since wellbeing is an integral part of the motivation it is quite natural that it is significantly correlated with resilience.

^{**}Significant at 0.01 level

^{***}Significant at 0.001 level

CONCLUSION

Health care is a stressful profession and takes its toll at physical, emotional, and mental levels. To effectively care for other people you must take good care of yourself. Stable, healthy, and resilient physicians are also better equipped for the emotionally and physically demanding tasks of providing care, comfort and hope to patients. Notably, doctors who are proactive about their health more regularly discuss health promotion with patients. Result of the study indicates that resilience is positively correlated with job attitude and psychological wellbeing.

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