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**The Relationship between Hope, Meaning in Work, Secondary Traumatic Stress and Burnout Among Child Abuse Pediatric Clinicians**

Child abuse pediatricians (CAPs) continuously encounter trauma experienced by abused children, putting them at risk for secondary traumatic stress, a syndrome with symptoms similar to post-traumatic stress disorder. The current study examines the relationship between secondary trauma, hope, meaningful work, and burnout. Participants were sent a link to a web-based survey consisting of the Oldenburg Burnout Inventory, the Secondary Traumatic Stress (STS) Scale, the Dispositional Hope Scale, and the Work as Meaning Inventory via the Helfer and Special Interest Group on Child Abuse for Medical Professionals Listservs. Correlational analyses showed strong positive associations between the secondary trauma and burnout [R2 = .465; F (3,140) = 40.64; p = .000]. Hope and meaning in work demonstrated negatively moderate associations with STS and burnout [R2 = .073, p = .000]. A national sample of CAPs shows that STS is associated with burnout. Work meaning and hope can mitigate these effects.

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