On the Road to Recovery: Confronting Physician **Burnout, Recruitment and Retention**



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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

ONE Define the causes of physician burnout and poor job satisfaction and illustrate actionable steps for improvement

TWO

Develop a continuous, targeted, digital recruitment program that results in highly qualified candidates who are interested in the opportunity and are a strong fit

THREE

Distinguish which factors most positively influence physician retention, allowing your organization to develop an effective physician retention program



STATE OF THE INDUSTRY

Projected physician shortfall between 37,800 and 124,000 by 2034

Medical school enrollment has grown but residency slots haven't kept up, especially in rural America where only 2% of residencies are based

More than 2 of every 5 physicians will reach age 65 in the next 10 years

69% of healthcare organizations don't have a succession plan to prepare for physician retirements

40% of medical groups had physicians retire early or leave the practice in 2022 due to physician burnout

Only 14% of healthcare leaders have a formal plan or strategy to reduce physician burnout

Healthcare organizations stand to lose between \$130K - 150K per month in revenue, depending on the specialty for every vacancy.

Sources: Report Reinforces Mounting Physician Shortage, AAMC 2022
Medical School Enrollments Grow, AAMC 2020
Back from Burnout: Confronting the Post-Pandemic Physician Turnover Crisis Survey Results, Jackson Physician Search 2022
Preparing for the Wave of Physician Retirements Survey Results, Jackson Physician Search 2023



NEBRASKA PRIMARY CARE CANDIDATE POOL



Primary Care Physicians Under 60 1,097

Available due to 7% Turnover 77

Residents 339

416

Estimated 8% of Residents Choose Rural Location

Source: 2021 AAMC State Physician Workforce Data Book



CURRENT STATE OF PHYSICIANS





THE STATE OF BURNOUT

Healthcare experts often point to rising physician burnout as the root cause of broader industry issues such as high physician turnover, low retention rates, and long recruitment cycles

65% of physicians reported they experienced burnout in 2022, up 4% from 2021

Among those with burnout, 75% say their burnout has worsened in the past year

Primary care physician turnover, fueled partially by burnout, leads to nearly \$1 billion in excess healthcare spending each year



BURNOUT CAUSE PERCEPTION

40%

of Physicians Say Their
Burnout Is Totally or Caused
More by Their Employer
than it is the Nature of
Being a Physician

19%

of Administrators
Acknowledge that
Employers Are the Source
of Burnout versus the
Nature of Being a Physician

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HOW TO MITIGATE PHYSICIAN BURNOUT

Potential Solutions Causes of Burnout HIRE SCRIBES ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN DYAD LEADERSHIP / 2-WAY NO VOICE IN DECISIONS COMMUNICATION **BALANCE PRODUCTIVITY COG IN WHEEL** WITH PATIENT FOCUS **BUILD CARE TEAMS WITH LONG HOURS / EXCESS CALL APPs PUBLIC & PRIVATE LACK OF RESPECT APPRECIATION**



HOW TO IMPROVE PHYSICIAN ENGAGEMENT

MEASURE

- Use a simple survey to establish a baseline on physician engagement in your facility
- Share the results transparency builds trust

LISTEN

- Ask questions. If the survey shows lower levels of engagement – Uncover their "why" informally and in scheduled meetings
- Create an
 environment of
 trust where
 physicians can share
 without judgement

INVITE PARTICIPATION

- Know when to include physicians in decision making and ask them to be proactive in finding solutions.
- Think compensation plans vs. call schedule – which one of these are you most likely to accept their feedback?

RECOGNIZE

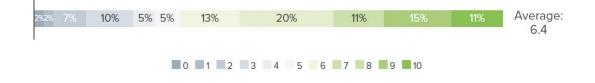
- Reward and recognize your physicians regularly – both privately and publicly
- Words of affirmation mean more than most leaders realize



HOW TO IMPROVE PHYSICIAN SATISFACTION

What Drives Satisfaction?

- Two-way communication
- Additional compensation
- Reduced administrative burden
- Additional time off
- Equity in workload





PHYSICIAN TURNOVER DRIVERS

Part-time and Flexible Schedules

Promise Better
Work-life Balance

Higher
Compensation and
Recruitment

Incentives Lure

Physicians to New

Jobs

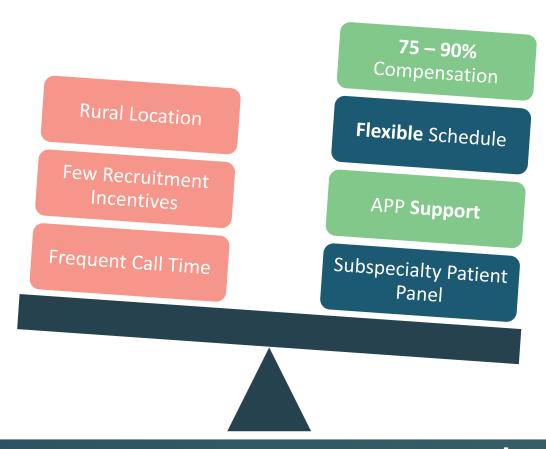
36% of Physicians
Still Considering Early
Retirement – Those
Who Are Financially
Prepared Are
Following Through

40% of Medical Practices Had a Physician Retire Early or Leave in 2022

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WHAT MAKES A JOB COMPETITIVE TODAY?





CONSIDERATIONS FOR HARD-TO-FILL JOBS

TYPICAL CHALLENGES Below-median compensation Enhance PTO or provide a reduced schedule

Unable to offer large, sign-on bonus (lump sum)

Offer installments over a period of 3-5 years

Frequent and/or weekend call Bring in locums for weekend coverage

Patient panel is more of a generalist role in a physician market favoring subspecialty fellowships

Assess community demand to determine if a "subspecialty clinic" is possible

≤4 weeks PTO

Bundle paid days – CME, vacation, holidays, sick / mental health days, mission time

Telemedicine not feasible Offer flexible scheduling – i.e. 7-on/7-off



Physician Recruitment

Digital sourcing is the smart way to quickly and cost effectively engage the right candidates and score better hires



THE REALITIES OF A PHYSICIAN VACANCY

6-18+ MONTHS TO RECRUIT

Depending on the
Specialty, Desirability of
Location, and
Compensation Package,
Plan for a 6-18+
Recruitment Cycle



\$250K+

It Costs \$250K+ to

Recruit – Sourcing Costs,

Sign-on Bonuses, Loan

Repayment, Relocation

Expenses

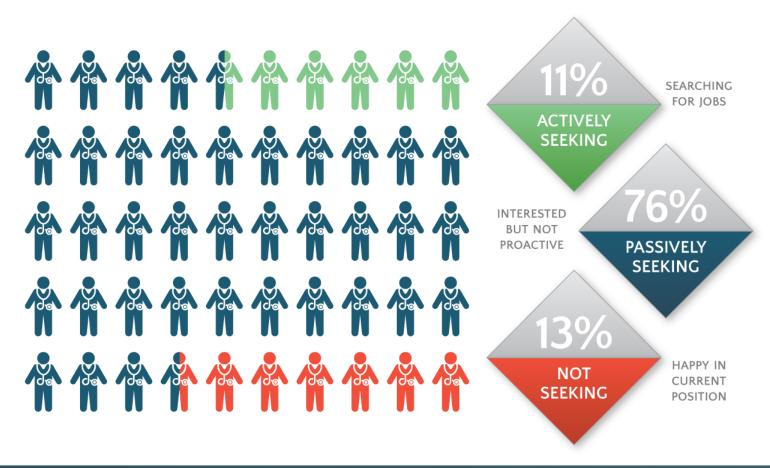
\$1M

Lost Revenue and/or
Locums Coverage can
Easily Exceed \$1 Million
During a Specialist
Vacancy

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CRITICAL TO REACH PASSIVE CANDIDATES



Source: Physician Workforce through 2030: Social Media for Physician Recruitment, Jackson Physician Search 2018



HOW TO FIND PASSIVE CANDIDATES

Digital Recruitment Is a Trend that Is Here to Stay

970 of Physicians Ages 26-55 Use Social Media

of U.S. Physicians Are on Doximity – A "Top 5"
Smartphone App Used by The American College Of Physicians

of *all* Physicians Prefer to Receive Info About Job
Opportunities Via Email, Not in Their Mailbox at
Home



BEWARE...YOU MUST BE RELEVANT

16%

Are Contacted
Once
Per Week

49%

of Physicians Get
Weekly
Job Opportunities

39%

Receive **Multiple**Contacts
Per Week

Less than

10%

of Recruiter
Communications Are

relevant

Source: MMS Job Opportunity Preferences

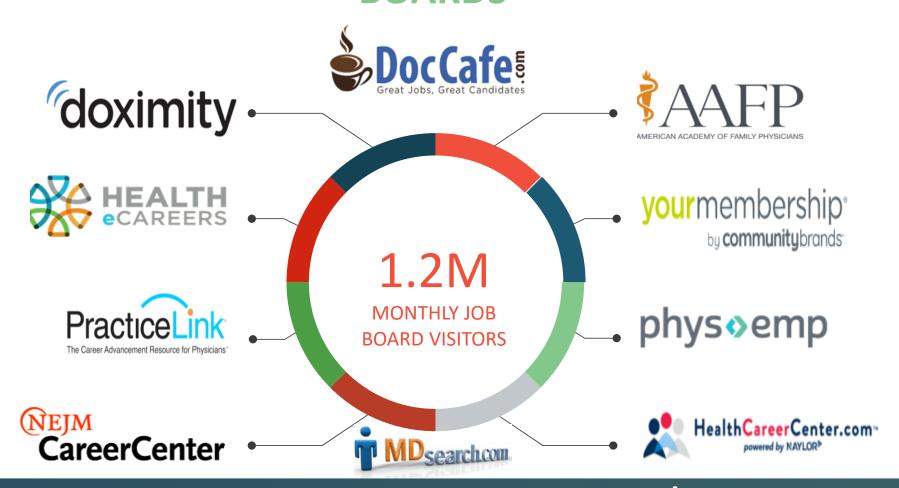


COMPONENTS OF AN AGILE SOURCING STRATEGY





MAXIMIZE YOUR REACH WITH MUST-HAVE JOB BOARDS





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Make it **Appealing** to the Recipient

Partner with Marketing or a Creative Colleague to **Create Engaging Copy**

Deliver Email Campaigns to **Selective and Engaged** Lists with a Clear Call to **Action**



Retention Begins at Recruitment Focus on cultural fit and develop a formal retention strategy



THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF CULTURE

Half of new physicians leave their first job within 3-5 years, and more than half of those leave within 2 years

What Culture Is

Shared mission

Behaviors that align with values

Top reason for turnover

Why You Benefit

Competitive advantage Improved performance

Successful recruitment and retention

How to Build

Assess your baseline through surveys

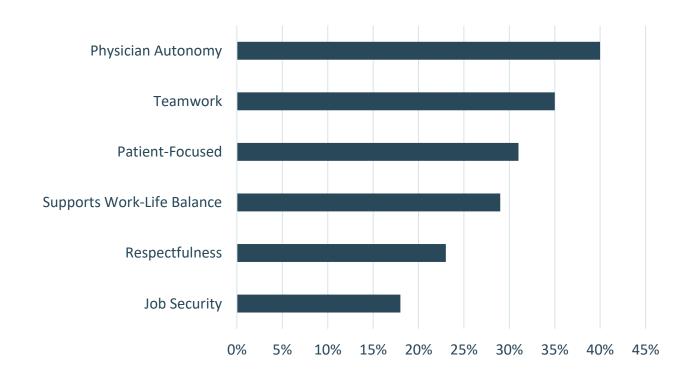
Follow a plan to close the gaps

Continuously measure and improve

Provide strong leadership and clear communication



WHAT PHYSICIANS VALUE MOST ABOUT AN ORGANIZATION'S CULTURE





HIGHLIGHT YOUR WORKPLACE CULTURE DURING THE ONSITE INTERVIEW

- Tailor the interview team to the candidate - The CEO sells the vision
- Explore the candidate's priorities and motivations
- Involve the spouse/family
- Sell the community as well as the opportunity
- Leave no questions unanswered after the first interview/ community tour





KEEP NEW PHYSICIANS ENGAGED WITH A FORMAL ONBOARDING PROGRAM

1 in 3 physicians receives no formal orientation upon joining their employer.

COMMUNICATE

- Check in with the provider in the weeks/months leading up to the first day
- Develop a formal onboarding checklist

CONNECT

- Assign a mentor or liaison to introduce providers to various colleagues/processes
- The liaison also makes them feel welcomed, answers questions, and helps them to assimilate into the culture

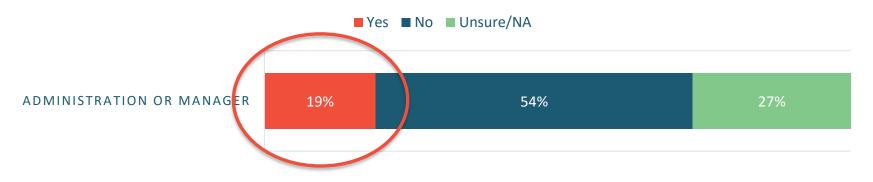
ONGOING

- The first 6 months are critical to retention – Highest rate of turnover during this time
- Solicit feedback from the provider regularly and provide additional support as needed – think early intervention



FORMAL PHYSICIAN RETENTION PROGRAMS REMAIN RARE

DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION HAVE A FORMAL PHYSICIAN RETENTION PROGRAM?



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RETENTION: WHAT PHYSICIANS WANT

FLEXIBILITY

- Elimination of call hours
- Ability to work parttime
- Flexible schedule
- Equity in workload

COMMUNICATION

- Two-way communication with administration
- Autonomy
- Teamwork

MONEY

- Higher compensation
- Retention bonus
- More paid time off



Questions?

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