

Program Overview



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Care for the Caregiver

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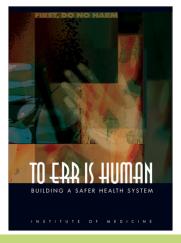
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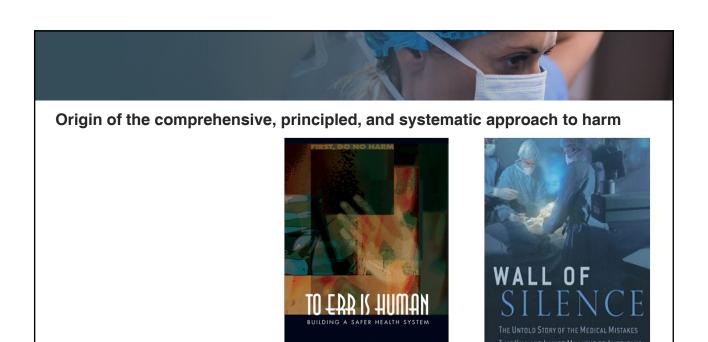
- Introductions
- Origin of Care for the Caregiver programs as part of a comprehensive, principled, and systematic approach to responding to harm
- Evolution of BETA-HEART® Care for the Caregiver
- · What is Emotional First Aid?
- · What is Empathic Communication?
- Break
- · Caring For Those Who Care For Others
- Experiential Learning In The Context Of Covid-19
- More Than Empathy
- · Care for the Caregiver Tools and Other Considerations
- Closing Remarks

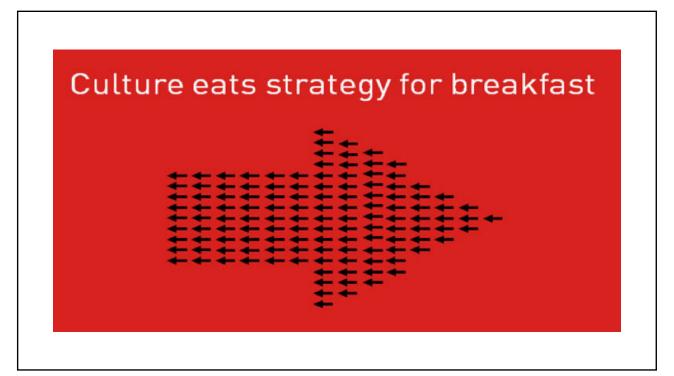
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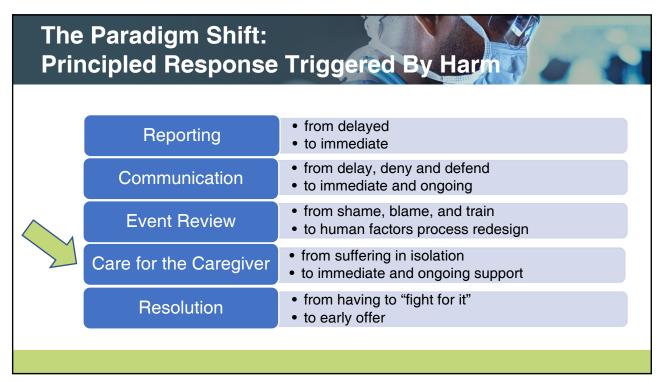


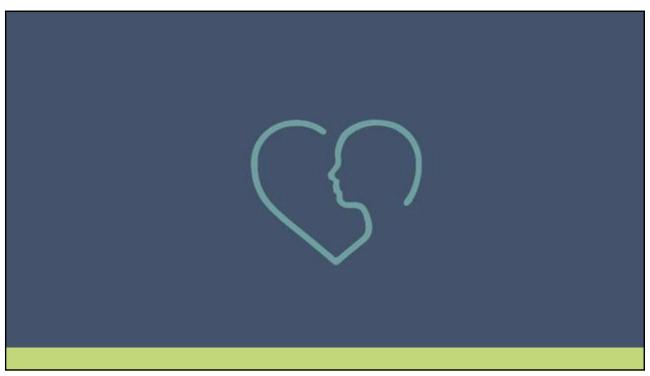
Origin of the comprehensive, principled, and systematic approach to harm



















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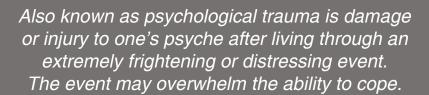
Promote organization-wide culture change and instill trust, that results in improved partnerships with patients, patients' families and caregivers

Goal

Introduce a holistic approach to reducing harm in healthcare

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Emotional Trauma



Care for the Caregiver

- Recognizes the impact of patient harm and emotionally challenging situations on those closest to the event
- Provides training of peer supporters
- Includes a process to:

 Identify healthcare team members in need of emotional support
 Activate peer supporters
 Process for referral

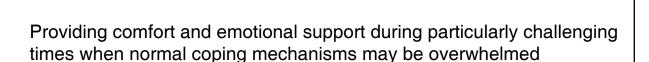


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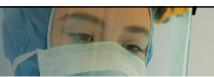


Emotional First Aid



- Comforting a peer
- Listening, but not pressuring to talk
- Showing practical concern and support
- Assessing a teammates emotional needs
- · Helping to connect a person to information, services and social supports

Empathic Communication



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What is Empathy?



"Empathy is a social and emotional skill that helps us feel and understand the emotions, circumstances, intentions, thoughts, and needs of others, such that we can offer sensitive, perceptive, and appropriate communication and support"

-Karla McLaren, The Art of Empathy

McLaren's Six Essential Aspects of Empathy



Emotional Contagion
Empathic Accuracy
Emotional Regulation
Perspective Taking
Concern for Others
Perceptive Engagement

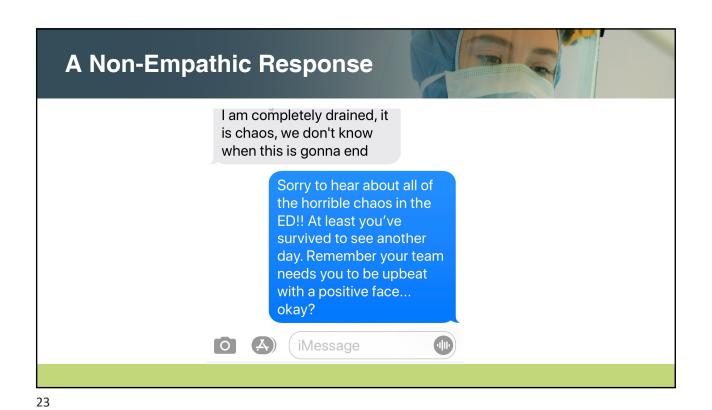
(from Karla McLaren's *The Art of Empathy*)

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Empathic Responding



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An Empathic Response



November 21, 1864. MRS. BIXBY, Boston, Massachusetts.

"DEAR MADAM:—I have been shown in the files of the War Department a statement of the Adjutant-General of Massachusetts that you are the mother of five sons who have died gloriously on the field of battle. I feel how weak and fruitless must be any words of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save. I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom. Yours very sincerely and respectfully, A. LINCOLN."

How To Ease Suffering?



- · Connect, be present and vulnerable
- Bear witness
- Invite exploration, expression and elaboration of feelings
- Acknowledge, without judgment, the full depth, complexity, and intensity of another person's inner experience
- Praise that which has been lost
- Say "yes" to their experience
- Invite re-appraisal of experience
- Don't try to "fix it"

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It's Not About the Nail

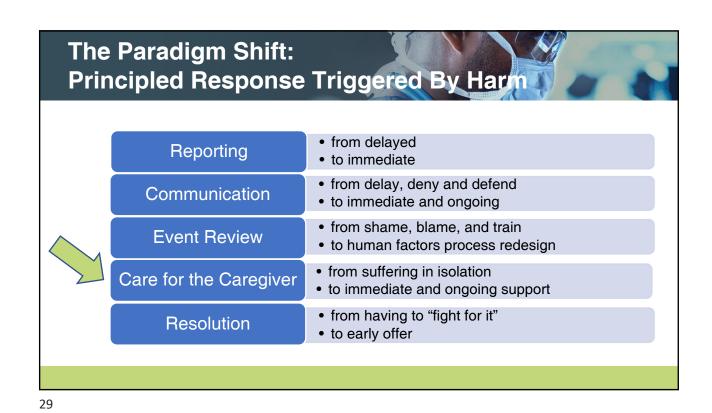
How To Provide Emotional Support and Reassurance



- Deal with emotions first
- · Adopt stance of curiosity, solidarity, and support
- Acknowledge & name emotional states
- Express empathy and regret about bad outcome
- Paraphrase to check understanding
- Acknowledge limits of language/empathy

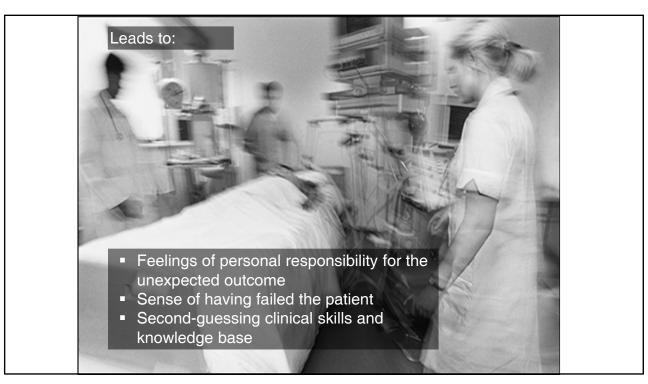
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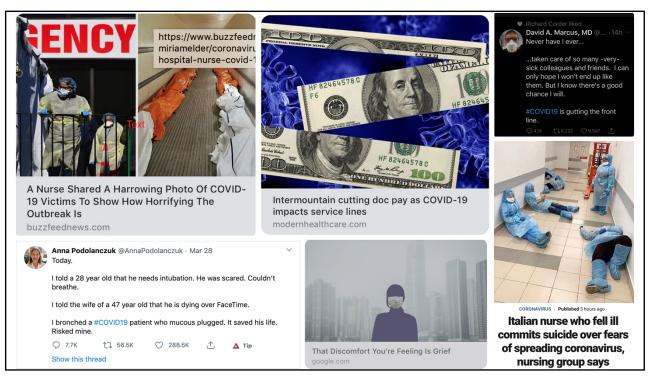


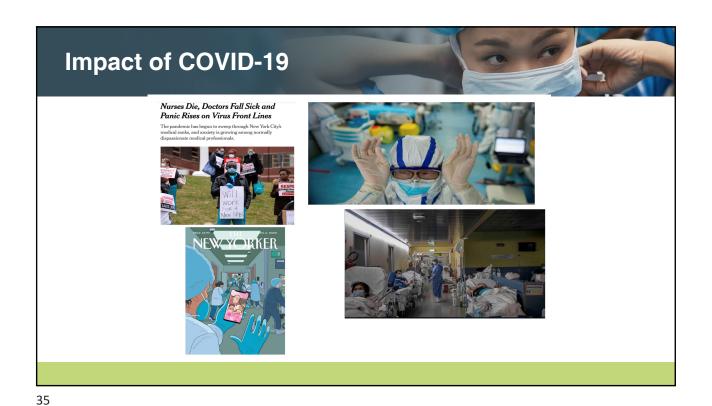
Unexpected harm events – individuals at the "sharp end" noted to be experiencing predictable behaviors post event











Support Strategies Interventions

Expedited Referral Network
EAP
Chaplain
Social Work
Clinical Psychologist
Holistic Nursing Support
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Trained Peer Supporters
(such as patient safety officers and risk managers)
Who provide one-on-one crisis intervention, peer support
mentoring, leam debriefing and support through
investigation and potential litigation

Department/Unit Support
Managers, Chairs, supervisors, fellow team members
who provide one-on-one reassurance

Scott SD, Hirschinger LE, Cox KR, McCoig M, Hahn-Cover K, Epperly KM, et al. Caring for our own: deploying a system-

Do's for Caregiver Support Conversations

- · Provide emotional support and reassurance
 - · Have a stance of curiosity, solidarity, and support
 - · Acknowledge and name emotional states
 - Express empathy and regret about bad outcome
 - Acknowledge that strong emotional reaction is normal
 - Give opportunity to elaborate on thoughts, emotions, and understanding about what happened
 - · Paraphrase to check understanding
- Offer assurances of follow-up and reassure they will not be abandoned
 - · Provide contact information
 - · Explain next steps
- Ask them questions about their current understanding
- Provide opportunity for them to ask questions

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Don'ts

- Say you know how they feel
- Dwell on your own experience or emotions
- Make promises you can't keep
- · Finger-point, blame, criticize, judge
- Do all the talking
- Minimize severity of the situation or intensity of feelings
- Try to make them feel any way other than how they are feeling

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The Ten Commandments of Providing Emotional First Aid

- Be nonjudgmental
- Be empathic (not a brick wall)
- Don't give personal advice—do not opine on legal or regulatory matters, etc.
- Don't take responsibility for other people's problems
- Don't interpret (when a paraphrase will do)
- Don't try to "fix" it
- · Stick with the here and now
- Deal with feelings first
- · Be present, vulnerable, and courageous
- Silence is golden

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Experiential Learning



Experiential Learning

- Process for discussion
- Facts of a serious COVID-19 case presented
 - · Communication with loved one
 - Provision of one-on-one peer support Tier 2
 - Provision of co-worker reassurance and support Tier 1
- Opportunity to ponder approach
- · Questions to consider
- · Video of enactment of response
- Debrief

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Communication With Family Scenario

- Emergency Department [ED] physician is diagnosed with COVID-19. His spouse is an Administrative Manager in the ED. The physician-patient has a 30-year history of childhood onset insulin dependent diabetes.
- The couple has been asked to quarantine themselves at home after the diagnosis is made and told to refrain from returning to the hospital unless symptoms become overwhelming.
- The physician-patient's condition deteriorates. Together, the couple returns to the ED for evaluation and treatment of the worsening respiratory symptoms.

Communication With Family Scenario [continued]

- Upon arrival at the ED, the couple is greeted by triage personnel who have worked with both of them and become visibly distraught at seeing the severity of the respiratory symptoms of their colleague and friend.
- Clinical and non-clinical staff resist the temptation to provide physical comfort while assisting him into the ED and to one of the ED bed spaces. The spouse is asked to stay behind. Sadly, the spouse says "goodbye" as her spouse is assisted in the ED.

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Communication With Family Scenario [continued]

- Once the physician-patient is brought into the bed space, others in the ED try to rapidly
 put on the Personal Protective Equipment but struggle to do it properly yet quickly at the
 same time.
- Environmental services personnel in the ED recognize the patient and they become visibly shaken.
- The ED nurse and physician note the patient is in need of intubation. Oxygen saturation is
 in the mid 80s and the respiratory rate is rapid and shallow. Skin and lips are visibly blue.
- Just prior to intubation, the patient calmly whispers to the nurse and physician that he has
 decided he does not want to be on a ventilator more than 2 days and he does not to
 consume valuable resources.
- The sedation and subsequent intubation proceed without complication.



Communication With Family Scenario

Setting: A quiet room next to the ED triage area Scenario: There is a need to meet with the spouse:

- Explain to the spouse of the need to intubate their loved one
- Share the final words before the patient was intubated
- Communicate the need for the spouse to leave the hospital and that visiting her loved one is not an option at this time

The nurse and physician who have been treating the patient have come out to speak to the spouse of the patient. All three of them are in the quiet room. All three know each other well and are friends.

Questions to Consider in Preparation For The Conversation

 Are there any special personal or family dynamics, disabilities, language, ethnic, racial, or cultural sensitivities to consider?

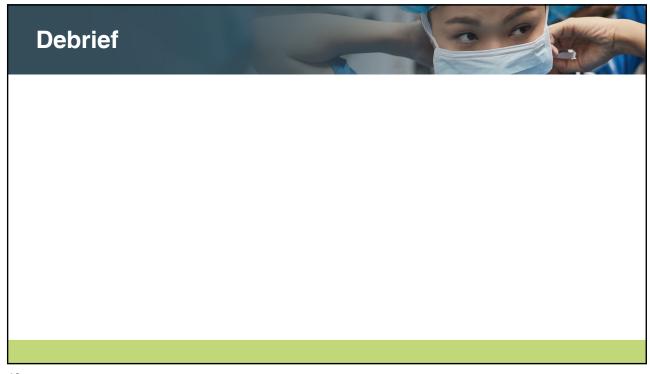
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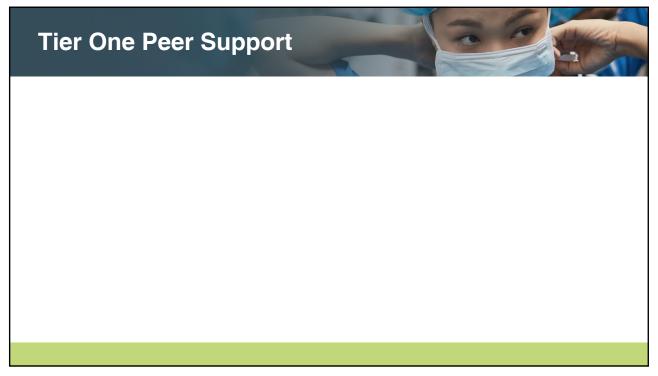
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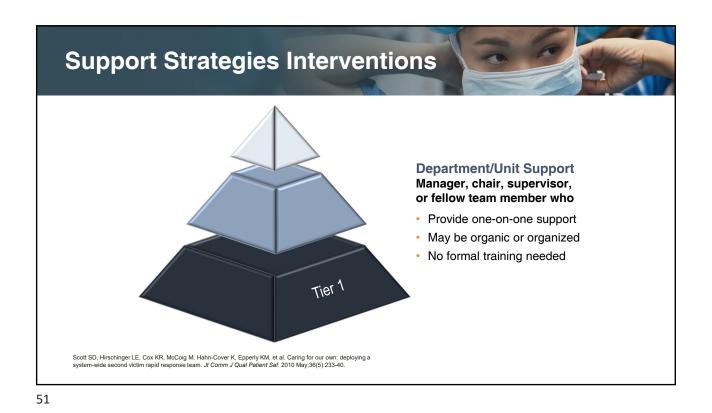
- · What are the goals of this conversation?
- Who should be present for this conversation with the family?
- What are you going to say to the family? See goals above.
- Would a prop, diagram or x-ray be helpful?
- Do you need to provide shot[s] across the bow or some warning statement?
 - Example: What I have to tell you may be very unsettling...
- · After brief explanation, deal with feelings first
- What emotions do you anticipate, how will you name and validate them?
- What questions do you anticipate getting from family?
 - · Questions will include "should I have brought him/her earlier?"
 - · How likely am I to get this sick soon?
- · Who continues to respond to the patient/family as more information is learned?
- Who will support the clinicians?

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Video of Conversation BETA HEART Healing • Empathy • Accountability • Resolution • Trust







Tier One Peer Support

Setting:

- This scenario involves Tier 1 support that is NOT the formal Tier 2 peer support but the kind of reassurance that colleagues who work side by side need to provide.
- This setting is in the break room in the ED the day after the physician-patient needed intubation. The nurse has finally gotten an opportunity to take a break and is sipping a cup of coffee reflecting silently on all of the chaos.
- The chaplain works in the ED and knows the nurse extremely well. He sees the nurse sitting there, clearly sad about the events.

Tier One Peer Support



Scenario:

 The chaplain sits down and "checks in" on the nurse and asks how the nurse is feeling. The power of this encounter is to demonstrate the need for active listening, emotion naming, support, and love in the workplace amongst close colleagues.

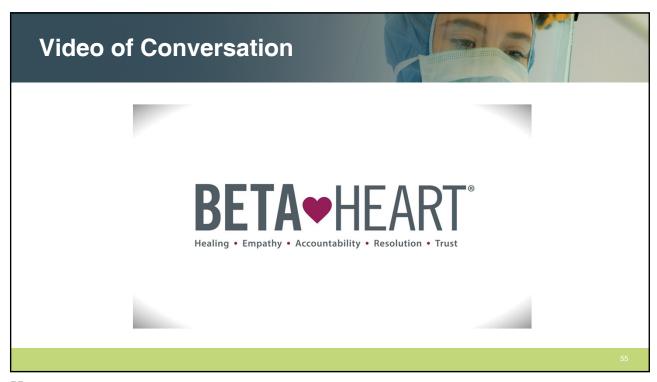
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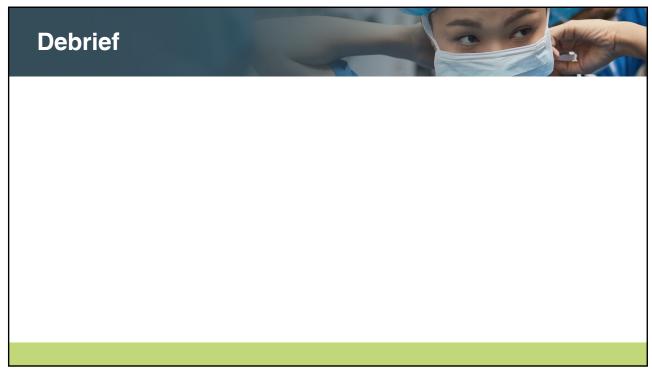
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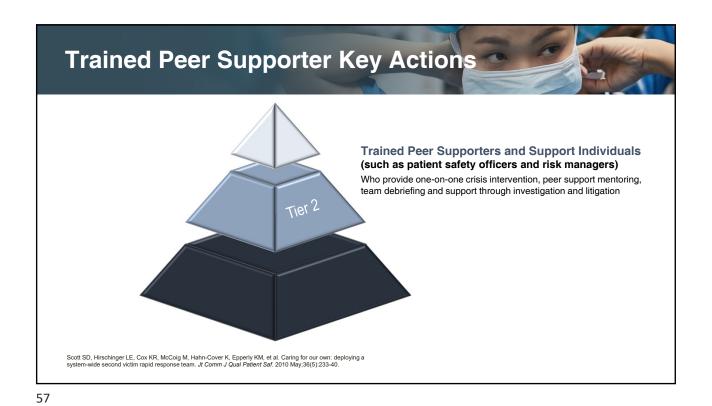


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Tier Two Peer Support Training



- Individualized feedback
- □ Identification and selection of peer supporters
- □ Skill development
 - Large group exercises
 - Tabletop exercises with role play and debrief
 - Recognizing need for escalation to higher level
 - Taking care of yourself



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Tier Two Peer Support

Background – based upon the scenario, there is the need for Tier 2 peer-to-peer support for the physician who intubated their colleague and was part of the team who communicated to the spouse.

The physician is distraught on many levels and feels intensely griefstricken, vulnerable, afraid, frustrated, powerless, exhausted, lacking in trust, and angry.

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Tier Two Peer Support



Setting:

 Because of the need for as much social distancing as possible, Tier 2 Peer-to-Peer support is being offered via Zoom with the Peer Supporter and the recipient of the emotional first aid connected via their personal laptops through Zoom technology.

Tier Two Peer Support



Scenario:

- One day has passed since the need for the ED physician-patient to be intubated.
- The peer supporter sent the offer to meet via Zoom through an email and the recipient accepted and then received the Zoom link. The recipient knows the peer supporter but not extremely well and is very appreciate of the offer of support.

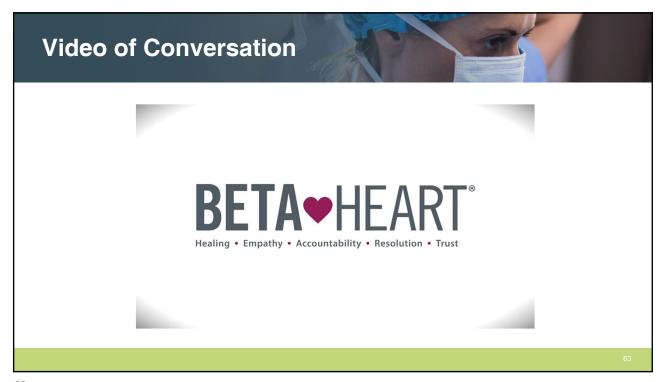
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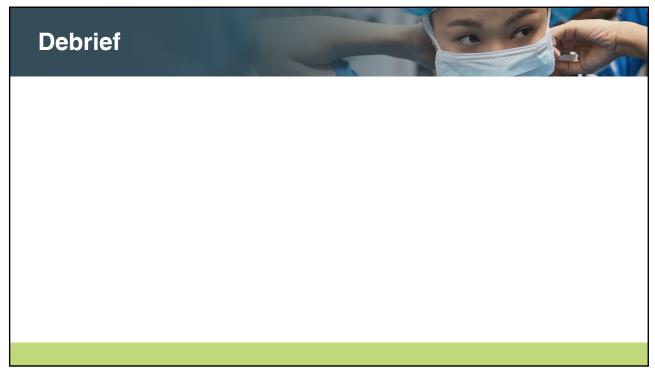
Questions to Ponder Prior to Care for Caregiver Conversation

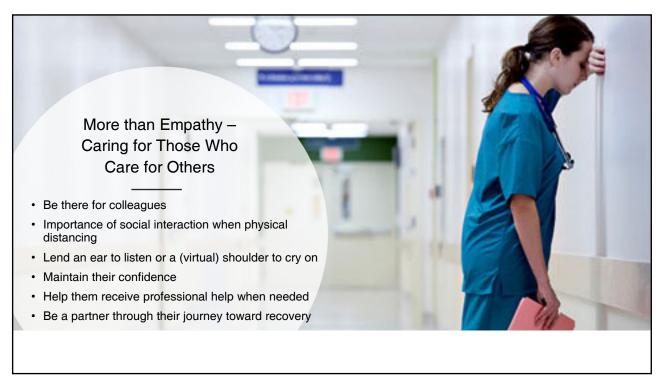


- What are the goals of the interaction?
- · When should you respond to the affected care giver?
- Who should respond to the care giver?
- What questions do you anticipate?
- What emotions do you anticipate, how will you name and validate them?
- What are you going to say?
- What will you recommend for follow-up or what resources will you provide?

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Just-In-Time Peer Support Program



- Identify organizational lead
- What resources do you need to provide support
- Who will coordinate resources
- Communicate availability of care for the caregiver resources to the organization
- Reach out to potential peer supporters; provide justin-time tools and training

Preparing for the Encounter



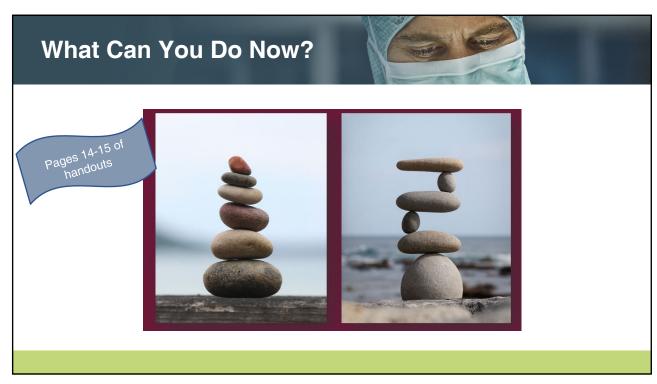
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- Questions to ponder
- Ten Commandments of Peer Support
- Availability



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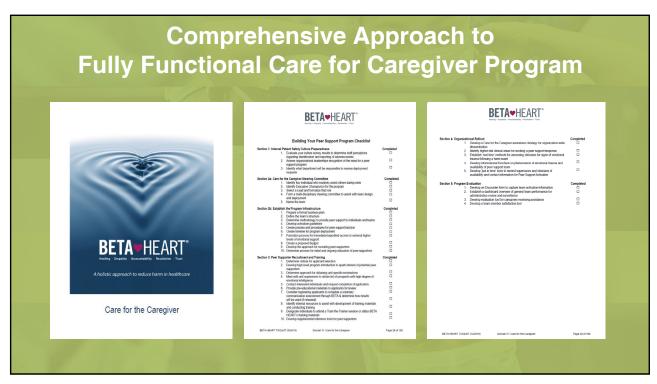


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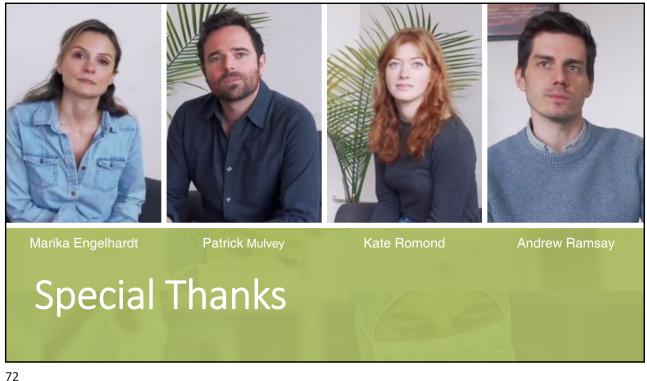


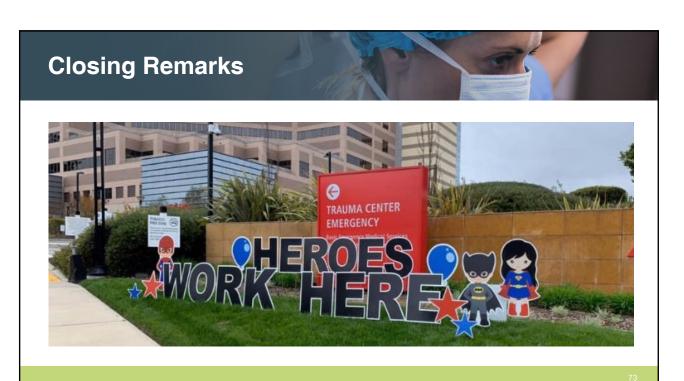
Remember, each of you are just as important as your patients

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Education



Caring for the Caregiver Final Program

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