

3 GOOD THINGS

Increased Resiliency as Easy as 1, 2, 3

WHY

Severe emotional exhaustion and burn-out affects health care workers. Rates range from 33% to 60% depending on discipline.

ONE OUT OF THREE health care workers overall

>50% Primary Care >60% Emergency Medicine

THE CHALLENGE

“THE NEGATIVE SCREAMS AT YOU, BUT the positive only, WHISPERS”

- Barbara L. Fredrickson
Kenan Distinguished Professor of Psychology, University of North Carolina

We are hardwired to remember the **NEGATIVE**



THE RESPONSE



Turn up the **VOLUME** on the **positive**

THE EXERCISE

Just before sleep, ask yourself:

“What are three things that went well today and what was my role in making them happen?”



You remember best what you've reviewed during your last two wakeful hours.

- For best results, write it down.
- Repeat for 2 weeks to make effects last longer.

THE RESULT



The Positive **KEEPS** **GETTING LOUDER!**

By day 4 or 5, reflecting on the positive leads to noticing more positive.

Clinical Trials Demonstrate Significant Benefits



Burn-out and Depression



Work-Life Balance



Conflict at Work



Levels of Happiness



Sleep Quality

Clinical References

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