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Results

Methods

Survey:

- Survey of pediatric residents training at KUH (n=71) during academic year 2017/2018.
- Univariate logistic regression was done to measure associations between burnout and participant characteristics.

Population description

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Prevalence of Burnout

- Burnout: 10%
- No Burnout: 51%
- Missing: 39%

Themes:

- Swedish “utopia”
- Stakeholder buy-in
- Working vs learning
- Being vs becoming

Conclusions

- Prevalence of burnout among Swedish pediatric residents in this study was 39%, which is lower than reported in the US (50-60%).
- Drivers of burnout were identified across all four domains. They included local features of the learning environment, and many are modifiable.
- Protective factors include perceived control over scheduling, better mental and physical health, lower perceived stress, and being a parent.
- Future work will evaluate interventions designed to modify the drivers of burnout and reinforce the drivers of resilience.