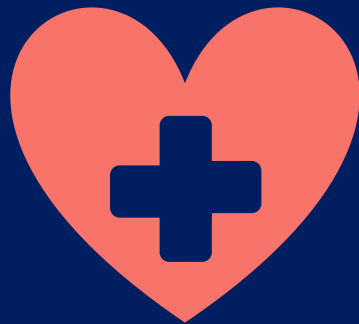


# Improving Interprofessional Collaboration, Collegiality, and Communication Between Nurses and Trainees



2023 Midcareer Faculty Leadership Program



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# PROJECT TEAM



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# OBJECTIVES

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2. What's Going On?
3. Strategies for Progress



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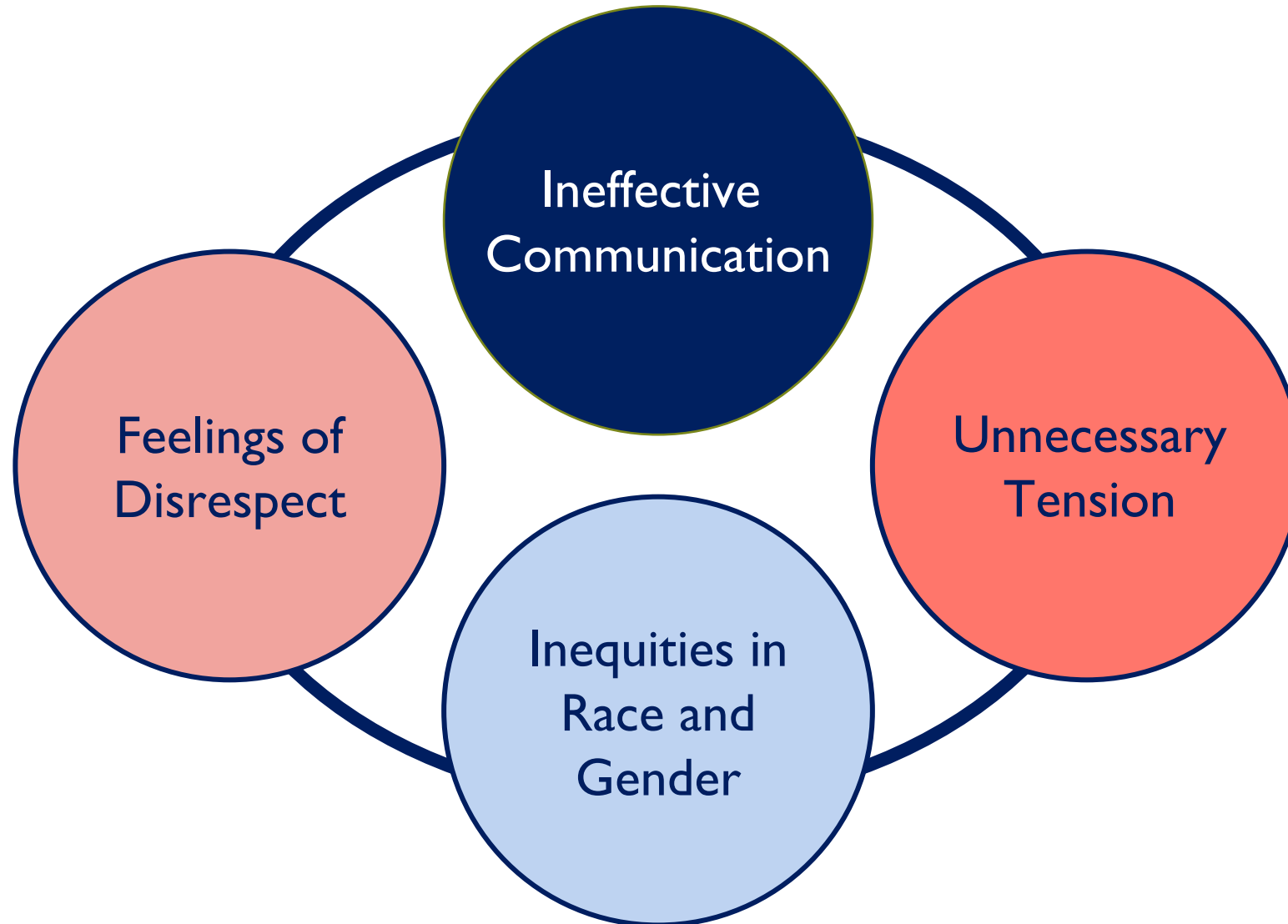
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# THE CHALLENGE: RESIDENTS AND NURSES





# WHERE?

Everywhere!!

Emergency Dept.

Intensive Care Unit

Labor & Delivery



**High  
Stress!**

**High  
Acuity!**

**High  
Urgency!**



# WHY DOES IT MATTER?

## Benefits of change:

Gain institutional trust

Enhance wellness and vitality

Staff retention

High quality of care



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# DATA COLLECTION



## Quantitative:

Reviewing BMC surveys,  
national data



## Qualitative:

Interviewing key players



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# MISTREATMENT BY RACE AT BMC AMONG TRAINEES (n=322)

	<b>Asian</b>	<b>URG*</b>	<b>White</b>
Verbal mistreatment or abuse	<b>44%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>38%</b>
Complaint or criticism about professionalism	<b>23%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>28%</b>
Complaint or criticism about work quality	<b>23%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>22%</b>

2021 BMC Clinician Vitality Survey

URG = Anyone who self-identified as African American or Black, Hispanic or Latinx, Native American or Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander



# MISTREATMENT BY GENDER AT BMC AMONG TRAINEES (n=322)

	<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>
Verbal mistreatment or abuse	<b>32%</b>	<b>48%</b>
Complaint or criticism about professionalism	<b>21%</b>	<b>25%</b>
Complaint or criticism about work quality	<b>27%</b>	<b>19%</b>



# NATIONAL DATA

A Survey of the Impact of Disruptive Behaviors and Communication Defects on Patient Safety

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## Have You Witnessed Disruptive Behavior From the Following Sources?

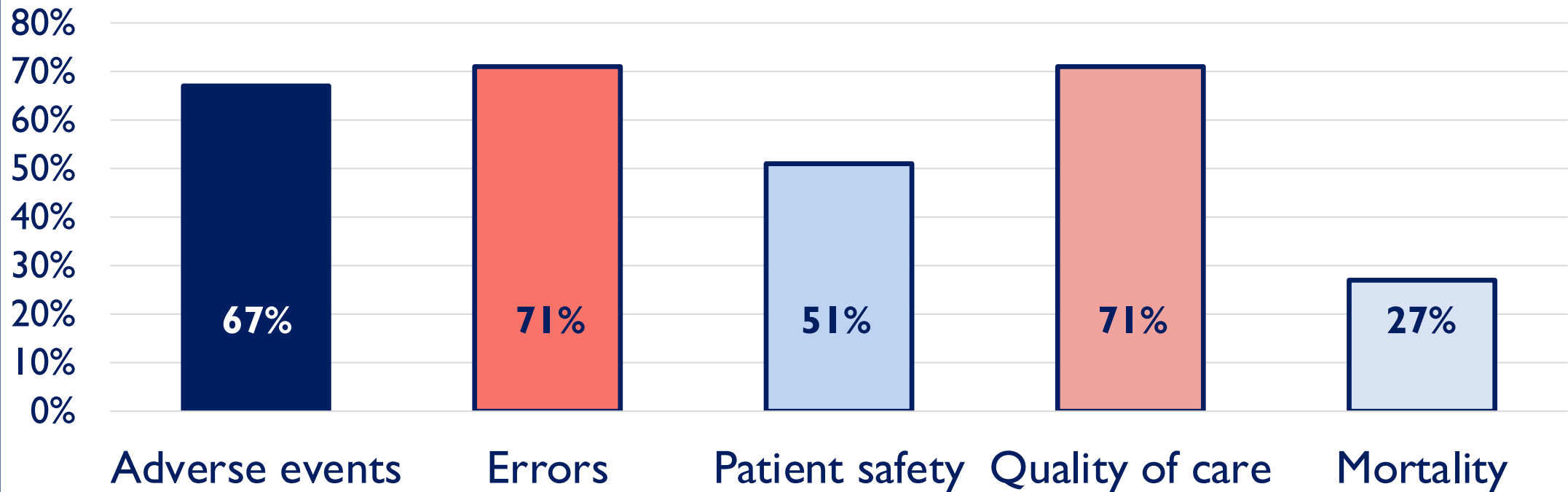


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## How Often is There a Link Between Disruptive Behavior and the Following Poor Outcomes?



# INTERVIEWS WITH KEY PLAYERS

Residents

Nurses

Key  
Administrators

Attendings



# RESIDENT EXPERIENCES

You need to earn your stripes.

Everyone has to learn to just get around it and move on.

## Rite of Passage

You have to gain social capital with the nurses.

I got put on the nursing hit list.

Travelling nurses are easier to work with.

## Rumors, Stigma

## Refusal to Perform Orders

Nurses pick and choose which orders they carry out.

The nurse publicly didn't listen to my instruction during a code

It's a lot about HOW we speak to each other.

It would help if people would just say hi.

## Civility

As a female resident, I have to do more than the male residents.

## Sexism

# NURSING EXPERIENCES

We nurses are a grizzled bunch.

That's not how we do it here at BMC.

We suffer through a basal level of trauma – daily.

If we don't want to do something, we just say "Patient refused."

We work against each other.

We work as teams, alright. Opposing teams.

Nobody ever asks me for my input.

They don't realize that we can teach too.

## Experience

Residents are condescending.

Residents act like we are dumb.

**Toxicity**

**Not a Team**

**Power Dynamic**



# ATTENDING REFLECTIONS

## Civility

Humiliation is the shared problem.

There is a loss of civility and an erosion of norms.

This is sometimes just manners.

## Power

Lateral violence is a real contributing factor.

Can be a power struggle.

Consider the power dynamics at play in each interaction.

## Teamwork

Need to function as a team.

Need to build a team... Quickly.

## Burnout

We are working at the top of our distress tolerance.

# ADMINISTRATIVE REFLECTIONS

## Universal Issue

Every hospital, every few years, tries to tackle this but it keeps resurfacing.

## Need for Explicit Direction

They need explicit direction on how to interact with each other.

In the past we needed a script for how to answer pages.

## Sexism

Female residents are treated differently than men.

Women are harsher towards women.

## Competing Needs and Goals

Nurses and residents have very different pressures and don't understand the other's stressors.

# MAJOR THEMES

## **TEAMWORK**

communication, trust

## **CIVILITY**

kindness, respect

## **EMPATHY**

shared experiences



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# THE MISSION

To create a culture at BMC  
where our clinicians  
practice **patience first** so  
that we may put our  
**patients first.**



# DIVERSE ISSUE



# RESOURCES



# LOW REPORTING











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ADVISORY COUNCIL

## ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Coach #1

MICU

Resident  
Officer

Nurse  
Officer

Coach #2

L&D

Resident  
Officer

Nurse  
Officer

Coach #3

ED

Resident  
Officer

Nurse  
Officer

Dyads will  
meet with  
coaches once  
per month

Advisory  
council will  
meet every 3  
months

Coaches include Jeff Schneider, Nancy Gaden, and Beth Milaszewski

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RESPONSIBILITIES



Orientation  
June 2023



Coach + Dyad  
Meeting  
Monthly



Conflict Resolution  
Training  
July 2023



Advisory Council  
Meeting  
Quarterly



# PATIENCE PATIENTS **FIRST** ADVISORY COUNCIL


## QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DATA COLLECTION

The screenshot displays the RLDatix software interface. At the top left is the RLDatix logo. On the right side of the top bar are navigation buttons for 'Dashboards', 'Bookmarks', and 'Help'. A left sidebar contains icons for 'Info Center', 'Tasks', 'New File', and 'File Tracker'. The main content area is titled 'Icon Wall' and features a search section with the heading 'Find a form', a search input field, and the instruction: 'Please use the search above to narrow down your event results by using keywords to describe the event that you're looking for.' Below the search section is a row of four category icons: a purple icon of a person with an arm raised labeled 'Employee Safety Event', an orange icon of two hands shaking labeled 'Employee/LIP Professional Conduct', a yellow icon of a syringe labeled 'Equipment/Medical Device', and a blue icon of two buildings labeled 'Facilities'. The 'Employee/LIP Professional Conduct' icon is highlighted with a red circle.





# BENEFITS

1. Nurse  resident dyads work together
2. Opportunity for funding and scholarship
3. Professional experiences for future careers
4. Learn about and help to solve a universal problem
5. Dyads in different areas of the hospital come together



# THE STRATEGY



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Advisory Council



Seed Grant Program

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SEED GRANT PROGRAM

Awarded to any nurse  resident  
dyad

Interdisciplinary communication  
Workflow improvements  
Wellness initiatives

Goal 3-5 grants awarded per year

Up to \$5,000 per grant



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SEED GRANT PROGRAM

Selected by the Coaches and Chief  
Quality Officer

Patient Safety Awareness Week

New grant awardees announced

Poster presentations of completed projects



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MEASURES OF SUCCESS

## Quantitative

RL reports

RN + MD QI projects

RN staff retention

Vitality survey data

## Qualitative

Empathy interviews

Culture shift



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## PROGRAM COST

Administrative staff	\$2,000 (.02 FTE)
RL reporting system and analysis	\$3,000 (.03 FTE)
Advisory council training program	\$1,000
Advisory council quarterly meetings	\$1,000 (food)
Seed grant program	Up to \$5,000 / project Up to 5 projects / year
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,000 annually</b>



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RETURN ON INVESTMENT

AND LONG TERM BENEFITS



Culture shift toward a healthy work environment



Employee satisfaction



Staff retention



Better patient outcomes

reduced errors

patient satisfaction with hospital care



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