

## Polyvagal Theory & Burnout: A Roadmap to Recovery



Working in medicine is no easy task, no matter what aspect or area of medicine you work in. From long hours and low pay, to demands of patients, bosses, and medical systems ready to burst at the seams, to feeling unseen and taken for granted, the demands often are endless.

Burnout is real. Recovery can also be real, but it means understanding how you got here in the first place, and learning what to do to take care of yourself and your nervous system differently. Recovery also means learning how to recognize the warning signs of burnout building again.

During this presentation, you'll be introduced to Polyvagal Theory and how your nervous system is impacted when burnout grows and finally hits full force. We'll discuss tools for recovery, including Kelly's P.O.W.E.R. method for problem-solving, mindset, value systems, and resilience building. We'll explore together how to apply these strategies on your own terms, in order to have a successful career in medicine, which leaves you fulfilled instead of fried.

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