Are You A Sleep Deprived Medical Resident? 4 Symptoms To Watch For

By Brendan Murphy

Sleep is essential to physicians’ alertness and performance and a severe shortage of rest can affect the quality of patient care they provide. Yet, many physicians, particularly during residency training, don’t get enough sleep. That reality has led to a push for a more robust curriculum surrounding the importance of sleep. One such resource is a module on sleep deprivation in the American Medical Association (AMA) GME Competency Education Program.

“Sleep deprivation is a time-honored tradition in medicine,” said Karen Miotto, MD, interim director of the Behavioral Wellness Center at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. “It breeds a kind of ‘we’re-in-the-trenches-together’ collegiality. The problem with such a time-honored tradition is the emotional, technical, cognitive labor of medicine, and of many other industries has gone up so dramatically.”

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