## R.I.S.E. for Self-Care



### Recharge

### Introspect

## Seek help Express yourself

## "What gives me joy outside of work?

# "What can I/we do to improve the situation?"

"What resources do I need to improve the situation?"

"Who can I thank? What am I grateful for?"

## Reenergize mind, body, and spirit:

- Spend time in nature
- Eat healthy, fresh foods
- Sleep 7-8 hours each night
- Journal
- Read
- Exercise regularly
- Listen to music/learn to play an instrument
- Take a sabbatical

## Carve out time for calm. Before and after your clinical shift:

- 1. Step outside
- 2. Close your eyes and take 5 deep breaths
- Focus on the smell of the air, the sun on your face, and aim to be present

#### **Personal introspection:**

- Ask: "Why did I go into medicine?"
- Ask: "What is one thing I can change to make my workplace better for my team?"
- Seek out a mentor

#### **Collective introspection:**

- Measure team engagement via regular check-ins/surveys
- Conduct quarterly small group sessions: "What should we do to improve our culture?"
- Schedule team building activities outside work
- Debrief with team after a poor patient outcome
- Participate in yearly retreats to reset and align priorities with hospital administration

#### Pay careful attention to:

- 1. Your health/wellbeing. Consider the following resources:
  - Mental health specialist
  - Primary care for preventive health
  - Buddy system/peer support group
  - Employee assistance programs

### 2. Workplace environment. Advocate for:

- Flexible work schedule/ shift timing
- Outsourcing documentation (scribes/virtual scribes) and billing
- Staffing for census surges
- Virtual care (telehealth)
- Child care for work meetings
- Responsive IT department
- Input in hospital projects impacting your team

### **Express empathy:**

An authentic human connection with patients is critical for our wellness.

### **Express gratitude:**

Giving thanks creates a positive ripple effect. Remember to thank you partner, kids, parents, team members, and colleagues for every small gesture of kindness.