

The Impact of Early Career Success on the Accelerated Occurrence of Professional Burnout

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Introduction. Professional burnout is a state of chronic physical and emotional exhaustion, accompanied by feelings of cynicism, detachment, and reduced personal accomplishment [1]. It is often caused by prolonged exposure to work-related stressors and an imbalance between work demands and personal resources. In the early stages of one's career, individuals often encounter substantial responsibilities and face demanding workloads. Early career success refers to achieving significant accomplishments and taking on substantial responsibilities during the initial stages of one's career [2]. The pressure to excel in this phase, meet high expectations, and demonstrate rapid achievement can exacerbate stress levels, leading to a heightened risk of burnout. The study focuses on the impact of early career success on the accelerated occurrence of professional burnout and its implications for individuals and organizations.

Main part. The main difficulty when it comes to analyzing burnout is collecting data. There are many factors that can possibly affect the employee's mental state, as well as their professional performance. In this paper the main focus will be on age, gender, marital status, and the presence of children as individual factors and working experience, position in company, work location and primary work performed as occupation-related factors. These criteria were chosen based on their relevance to understanding the potential connections between individual circumstances and professional burnout.

A factor analysis was performed on 146 survey responses from respondents who were between the ages of 20 and 39. Through data analysis, a three-factor solution emerged, encompassing Emotional Exhaustion, Professional Efficacy, and Cynicism. While there were no significant correlations between individual factors and these burnout dimensions, work-related variables exhibited a negative correlation. Regression models indicate that offering employees control over their work pace can significantly reduce the likelihood of experiencing burnout across all three dimensions [3].

Conclusion. The findings suggest that granting individuals experiencing early career success the ability to control their work pace can significantly reduce the risk of professional burnout. It is of utmost importance that employers refrain from exerting excessive demands on young prodigies and instead provide them with the opportunity to progress at a pace that may be slightly slower but conducive to the long-term success of both the employee and the company.

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