

Integration of Psychological Services for Patients with Burns and Medical Trauma: Assessing Needs

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Introduction

- URMC Kessler Burn and Trauma Center expressed the need for integrated psychological services
- American Burn Association notes necessity of having access to mental health providers
- Aim to understand how an embedded psychologist could promote:
 - a biopsychosocial framework for recovery
 - wellness of patients and healthcare team

Discussion

- Psychologists identified as a need at all phases of care (admission, critical care, hospitalization, rehab post-discharge)
- Most significant need is comprehensive care services include improved outcomes for patients, providers, and the system

Results

- All interviewees reported:
 - pain and lack of psychosocial support as significant barriers to discharge
 - desire for psychological and supportive interventions with patients and providers
 - expectation that integrated psychological services would result in more comprehensive patient care

Methods

- Semi-structured interviews with 7 key stakeholders: program management, nursing, and physicians
- Qualitative grounded theory approach to narrative analysis
- Interviews coded for major themes

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