Title page

Occupational stressors in healthcare workers in France

Stress au travail chez les personnels hospitaliers en France

Author information

Laetitia Rollin, M.D. Ph.D. 1,2,3*; Jean-François Gehanno, M.D. Ph.D. 1,2,3; Ariane Leroyer, M.D. 4

¹ Institute of Occupational Health, Rouen University Hospital, France

² Inserm, U1142, LIMICS, laboratoire d'informatique médicale et d'ingénierie des

connaissances en e-Santé, Sorbonne université, Paris, France

³ Université de Rouen - Normandie, Rouen, France

⁴ Inserm, université de Lille, CHU Lille, U1286 – Infinite – Institute for Translational Research

in Inflammation, Lille, France

* Correspondence to: Laetitia Rollin MD, PhD, Department of Occupational Medicine, Rouen

University Hospital, 1 Rue de Germont, Rouen 76000, France. E-mail: laetitia.rollin@chu-

rouen.fr

Author contributions

Laetitia Rollin designed the study, analyzed and interpreted data

Jean-François Gehanno designed the study and interpreted data

Ariane Leroyer designed the study, analyzed and interpreted data

Conflict of interest: none

Occupational stressors and mental health in healthcare workers in France

2

24

1

3 **Abstract** 4 Objectives: To describe psychosocial constraints and mental health of hospital workers, and 5 to identify the psychosocial constraints significantly associated with mental health difficulties, 6 especially in two groups: caregivers and other hospital workers. 7 Method. Data about working conditions and health status collected by the Evrest National 8 observatory in 2018-2019 during occupational health consultation were used. Psychosocial 9 constraints and mental health among caregivers, other hospital workers and non-hospital 10 workers were described. 11 Results. There were 1 251 hospital workers (843 caregivers, 408 other hospital workers) and 12 25 129 other workers. Intensity and working time (time pressure, extra working time, missing 13 or shortening a meal), and ethical dilemmas (not having the means to ensure high-quality 14 work, too rapidly handling a procedure that would require more painstaking care) were 15 significantly more reported by the caregivers than by the other hospital workers (50.8% vs 16 44.2%, 43.4% vs 32.5%, 47.2% vs 17.2%, 21.4% vs 16.4% and 41.5% vs 29.0% respectively). 17 Prevalence of psychological distress was not significantly higher for caregivers (12.3%) than 18 for other hospital workers (12.4%) but was significantly higher than for other workers (7.3%). 19 For caregivers, factors significantly associated with psychological distress were time pressure 20 (Odds Ratio adjusted on sociodemographic factors (OR) = 2.33 CI95% [1.35-4.04]), "difficulties 21 to reconcile private life and work life" (OR=2.95 [1.54-5.69]), "work not recognized in the 22 professional setting" (OR=1.89 [1.08-3.31]) and "fear of losing one's job" (OR=2.98 [1.53-5.8]). 23 For other hospital workers, they were "difficulties to reconcile private life and work life

(OR=2.76 [1.04-7.30]), "insufficient possibilities of mutual aid" (OR=2.85 [1.24-6.53] and "not

- having the means to ensure high-quality work" (OR=3.42 [1.62-7.21]).
- 26 **Conclusion:** Factors significantly associated with psychological distress were not the same for
- 27 caregivers and other hospital workers, nor were they the most frequently reported. Detailed
- description of the constraints according to group of workers could help to develop a high-
- 29 priority preventive program regarding psychosocial risk factors.
- Trial registration: CNIL n°906290 and 906290VI

32

31 **Keywords:** Caregivers, Evrest national observatory, Mental health, Hospital organization.

Stress au travail chez les personnels hospitaliers en France

33

34 Objectifs: Décrire les contraintes psychosociales et la santé mentale des travailleurs 35 hospitaliers et identifier les contraintes significativement associées à des troubles 36 neuropsychiques, en particulier chez les soignants et les autres salariés hospitaliers. 37 Méthode. Les données collectées par l'observatoire national Evrest durant les consultations 38 de santé au travail en 2018-2019 ont été utilisées. Les contraintes psychosociales et la santé 39 mentale ont été décrites parmi les personnels hospitaliers soignants, les autres salariés 40 hospitaliers et les travailleurs non hospitaliers. 41 Résultats. La population d'étude comprenait 1 251 travailleurs hospitaliers (843 soignants, 42 408 non soignants) et 25 129 autres travailleurs. L'intensité et le temps de travail (forte 43 pression temporelle, dépasser les horaires normaux, sauter ou écourter un repas), les conflits 44 de valeur (ne pas avoir les moyens de faire un travail de qualité, traiter trop vite une opération 45 qui demanderait davantage de soin) étaient significativement plus rapportés par les soignants 46 que par les non soignants (respectivement 50,8% vs 44,2%, 43,4% vs 32,5%, 47,2% vs 17,2%, 47 21,4% vs 16,4% and 41,5% vs 29,0%). La prévalence des troubles neuropsychiques n'était pas 48 significativement différente entre les soignants (12,3%) et les non soignants (12,4%), mais 49 était significativement plus importante que chez les autres travailleurs (7,3%). Chez les 50 soignants, les facteurs significativement associés à la présence de troubles neuropsychiques 51 étaient la forte pression temporelle (OR=2,33 IC95% [1,35-4,04]), les difficultés pour concilier 52 vie privée et vie professionnelle (OR=2,95 [1,54-5,69]), l'absence de reconnaissance par 53 l'entourage professionnel (OR=1.89 [1.08-3.31]) et la peur de perdre son travail (OR=2,98 54 [1,53-5,8]). Pour les autres travailleurs hospitaliers, il s'agissait des difficultés pour concilier 55 vies privée et professionnelle (OR=2,76 [1,04-7,30]), de manquer d'entraide (OR=2,85 [1,24-56 6,53] et manquer de moyens pour faire un travail de qualité (OR=3,42 [1,62 – 7,21]).

Conclusions. Les facteurs associés aux troubles neuropsychiques ne sont pas les mêmes chez les soignants et les autres travailleurs hospitaliers. Il ne s'agit pas non plus des facteurs les plus fréquemment rapportés. La description détaillée des facteurs selon le groupe de travailleurs peut être utilisée pour cibler les actions de prévention prioritaires en termes de risque psychosociaux.

Mots clés : Personnels Hospitaliers. Soignants. Contraintes psyhosociales. Observatoire national Evrest. Santé Mentale.

Introduction

Healthcare workers (HCWs) are employed in organizations that are continuously evolving to optimize effectiveness and efficiency [1]. Organizational changes in hospitals include working time, work intensity, management, work-life balance, and health and safety policies. Healthcare workers are intrinsically exposed to a variety of specific occupational stress factors. They can lead to psychological distress, and numerous studies have shown high levels of such psychological distress, with mental health complaints including burnout, post-traumatic stress disorders, anxiety, and depression [2]. The consequences for physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals are long-term sick leave, economic losses and medical errors in daily practice situations [3-7]. However, it is difficult to disentangle the consequences of psychosocial constraints associated with hospital organization evolution from the consequences of being, as a caregiver, directly exposed to patients' difficulties. That is one reason why it is extremely important to develop targeted preventive actions. With this in mind, we decided to conduct a study aimed at better understanding the psychosocial constraints of hospital workers. The objectives of this study were 1) to describe the

psychosocial constraints and their impact on the mental health of hospital workers, and 2) to identify the psychosocial constraints significantly associated with mental health difficulties, especially among two groups: caregivers and other hospital workers.

84

85

86

88

89

90

91

92

93

94

95

96

97

98

99

100

101

102

103

104

81

82

83

Methods

- Data from the National Evrest Observatory (ÉVolutions et RElations en Santé au Travail –
- 87 Evolutions and Relationships in Health at Work) were used.

The Evrest observatory

Evrest is a national observatory, set up in France in 2007 by occupational health physicians and researchers aiming at collecting, for a representative sample of employees, a database concerning their working conditions and their health. Data are collected using a short, standardized questionnaire (one double-sided page), made up of closed-ended questions that have been used in the large surveys on health in workplaces in France [8-9] (http://evrest.istnf.fr/page-0-0-0.html, accessed November 30th 2021). The questions concern working conditions, training, lifestyle and state of health. Activity sectors grouped into professional categories received the French codes given by the National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies (Insee), NAF-2008 and PCS-ESE-2003. The questionnaire is proposed to occupational health teams (physicians and nurses) participating in the survey, and to employees during their periodic occupational health visit. In France, all employees are required to attend an occupational health visit every two, three or five years, depending on the employee's level of exposure to risk and state of health (http://evrest.istnf.fr/page-0-0-0.html). To obtain a random sample of employees, only those born in October were asked to complete the questionnaire. The part of the questionnaire concerning working conditions, training and lifestyle is completed by the employee in a sitting

room and the second part, concerning state of health, is completed by the occupational health physician or the nurse during the visit. Since 2008, the Evrest database has included about 100 000 questionnaires, completed by about 80 000 employees and 1 700 occupational health teams. Every year the Evrest observatory produces a consolidated weighting database covering the two last years. This database is built in two steps: firstly, for employees who completed several Evrest questionnaires during the two-year period, only one questionnaire (the most recent) is included, and secondly, a weighting methodology allowing results to be extrapolated to the French employees is used. The weighting method includes two steps: 1) a first weighting to take into account the probability of participation of each employee; and 2) a marginal calibration method to correct potential distortions of the sample in comparison with the scope of the survey. The detailed weighted methodology is available in a previously published article [10]. The observatory obtained an authorization from the informatics and liberty commission for the database (CNIL n°906290 and 906290VI). Employees can decline to complete the questionnaire

Database used

The study used the most recent Evrest weighted database available: the Evrest 2018-2019 database. Firstly, two groups were built and compared: "hospital workers" defined as people who worked in hospital activities (NAF-2008 code: 8610Z) and "national sample excluding workers in hospital activities" defined as people who did not work in the hospital activities. Secondly, among hospital workers, two groups were built and compared: "caregivers" (physicians, interns, nurses, nursing auxiliaries, senior nurses, midwives, physiotherapists, ambulance drivers, dental assistants, rehabilitation specialists) and "other hospital workers" (administrative, educational and social personnel, medico-technical and technical personnel).

In this study, we focused on the part of the questionnaire relative to psychosocial constraints, which were explored according to 5 main axes as recommended by the *College d'expertise sur le suivi statistique des risques psychosociaux au travail* [11]: intensity and working time (items 1 to 4, Q1-Q4), lack of autonomy (Q5-Q8), occupational social relationships (Q9-11), ethical dilemmas (Q12-13) and job insecurity (Q14). Psychological distress was estimated based on the presence of the following associated symptoms: fatigue, sleeping disorders and anxiety-nervousness during the last 7 days.

Statistical analysis

All statistical analyses were conducted using the R software program, version 4.0.3. The statistical analyses included calculations of proportions for every psychosocial constraint. Two comparisons were conducted: the first compared "hospital workers" with "national sample excluding workers in hospital activities" and the second compared "caregivers" with "other hospital workers". Differences between groups were evaluated using the Rao-Scott test, with α risk set at 5%. In a second step, in each group the variables associated with the presence of psychological distress, defined as the association of fatigue, anxiety and sleeping disorders, were evaluated, once again using the Rao-Scott test. In this bivariate analysis, variables presenting an alpha risk lower than 0.20 were then introduced into a multivariate model (logistic regression) adjusted on the socio-demographic data (sex, age and social and occupational group). Only the significant variables (p<0.05) were retained in the final logistic regression models.

Results

The Evrest 2018-2019 consolidated and weighted database included 26 380 workers: 1 251 hospital workers and 25 129 who did not work in hospital activities. Among hospital workers,

there were 843 caregivers and 408 other hospital workers (Figure 1).

Comparison between "hospital workers" and "national sample excluding workers in hospital

activities"

Table 1 describes the socio-demographic and occupational characteristics of the different groups. In the hospital worker group, proportions of women, employees and associate professions were higher than in the other worker group.

Table 2 details the proportions of the different psychosocial constraints. All of the items

related to intensity and working time, and ethical dilemma axes were significantly more reported by hospital workers than by other workers (p<0.001) (Table 2). Concerning lack of autonomy, while the items "no choice in the way of proceeding" and "give up a task to another one not planned" were significantly more reported by hospital workers than by other workers (p=0.001), the items "the work does not allow to learn things" (p=0.001) and "the work is not varied" (p=0.058) were significantly and nearly significantly less reported, respectively.

Concerning occupational social relationships, the items "work not recognized by my professional environment" and "do things I disapprove of" were significantly more reported by hospital workers than by other workers (p=0.001), whereas there were no differences between the two groups for the item "insufficient possibilities of mutual aid". Lastly, there was no significant difference between hospital workers and other workers regarding job insecurity.

Table 3 presents the prevalence of psychological distress among the two groups of hospital workers. Prevalence of psychological distress was significantly higher for hospital workers than for other workers (p=0.001).

Comparison between "caregivers" and "other hospital workers"

In the caregiver group, the proportions of women (p=0.001) and employees (p=0.001) were

177 markedly higher than in the other hospital worker groups (Table 1). All items from two 178 psychosocial axes were significantly or nearly significantly more reported by the caregiver 179 group than by the other hospital workers group: intensity and working time, and ethical 180 dilemmas (Table 2). For the three other psychosocial axes (lack of autonomy, occupational 181 relationships and job insecurity), no item was significantly more declared by the caregivers. 182 Prevalence of psychological distress did not differ between the two professional groups (Table 183 3). 184 Multivariate analyses showed that factors significantly associated with the presence of 185 psychological distress, defined as the combination of "fatigue and anxiety-nervousness and 186 sleeping disorders", differed between the three groups (caregivers, other hospital workers, 187 other workers). 188 For caregivers, four items were significantly associated with psychological distress: 189 "undergoing strong time pressure" (OR = 2.33 CI95% [1.35-4.04]), "difficulties to reconcile 190 private life and work life" (OR = 2.95 CI95% [1.54-5.69]), "work not recognized in my 191 professional setting" (OR = 1.89 CI95% [1.08-3.31]) and "work with the fear of losing my job" 192 (OR = 2.98 Cl95% [1.53-5.8]).193 For other hospital workers, there were three items significantly associated with psychological 194 distress but they differed from those of caregivers: they were "difficulties to reconcile private 195 life and work life" (OR = 2.76 Cl95% [1.04-7.3]), "insufficient possibilities of mutual aid" (OR = 196 2.85 CI95% [1.24-6.53]) and "do not have the means to do high-quality work" (OR = 3.42 CI95%

For other workers from the National sample, 10 out of 13 items were associated with psychological distress, at least one item for each psychosocial axis.

200

197

198

199

[1.62-7.21]).

Discussion

201

202

203

204

205

206

207

208

209

210

211

212

213

214

215

216

217

218

219

220

221

222

223

224

The aim of this cross-sectional study was to compare, using data from a large-scale national study, the psychosocial constraints and mental health of caregivers, other hospital workers and other workers. Intensity and working time, and ethical dilemma were the two psychosocial constraint factors significantly more reported by caregivers than by other hospital workers. These two axes were also more often reported by hospital workers than by other workers. While prevalence of psychological distress did not significantly differ between caregivers and other hospital workers, it was higher in hospital workers than in other workers. The psychosocial constraints associated with psychological distress among caregivers were "to undergo strong time pressure", "difficulties to reconcile private life and work life", "Work not recognized in my professional setting" and "work with the fear of losing my job". In this study, comparison of caregivers with other hospital workers enabled us to distinguish between hospital-specific organizational constraints and patient care constraints. Hospitalspecific constraints were high in the years preceding the COVID-19 pandemic; due to technological innovations, evolving patient expectations evolution and financial crises, hospital organization was transformed so as to enhance the efficacy of health interventions [12]. Aimed at reducing costs, these organizational changes could entail considerable psychological constraint among all types of hospital workers. As for caregivers, they were faced with intrinsic professional constraints such as emotional stress, emergency, fear of making mistakes, shiftwork... [13-17] Since the level of psychosocial constraints was higher among caregivers than among the other hospital workers, we can presume that psychosocial constraints result from a combination of patients car and type of organization rather than the organizational changes alone. As a consequence, reflection is needed to establish a specific

psychosocial prevention plan for caregivers. This is a major issue for hospitals insofar as it has been demonstrated that high levels of psychosocial constraints, particularly workload and decision-making latitude, have a serious impact on quality of care [17]. This study demonstrated that factors usually significantly associated with psychological distress were not exactly those reported the most by caregivers. While "strong time pressure" was more often reported by caregivers and associated with psychological distress, "difficulties to reconcile private life and work life" and "work not recognized in the professional setting" were not significantly more reported by caregivers but were significantly associated with psychological distress. "Ethical dilemmas" was more reported by caregivers but not significantly associated with psychological distress, while "job insecurity" was not significantly reported by caregivers but strongly associated with psychological distress. In the literature, several studies have highlighted an association between sizable workload and anxiety, depression or burnout among caregivers [15-19]. On the other hand, although often described in other occupations, "fear of losing my job" has less often been reported as a determinant of caregivers' mental health [20]. This constraint, although rarely reported among hospital personnel [21], is to be taken into consideration since it seems associated with psychological distress. In the literature, some studies have shown links between "fear of losing my job" and "fear of making errors" [22] while among caregivers, "fear of losing my job" may be induced by the fear of not being able to maintain one's job if a medical condition were to impair one's ability to work [23]. Proportions of psychological distress were significantly higher among hospital workers in comparison with the other workers from the nationwide sample, without significant difference between caregivers and other hospital workers. That said, proportion of psychological distress among caregivers is of concern considering the young age of this group

225

226

227

228

229

230

231

232

233

234

235

236

237

238

239

240

241

242

243

244

245

246

247

(median age for caregivers: 40 years old compared to that of other hospital workers: 44 years old). Several previous studies have likewise observed burnout, anxiety and depression among caregivers [24-28]. As an example, 9% of 17 437 Canadian nurses suffered from a major depressive episode in the previous year, prevalence twice as high as the average among Canadian women [29]. Psychological distress calls for special attention insofar as it is a predictive factor for depression [30]. This study was conducted before the COVID-19 health crisis, and hospital organizations were considerably transformed during 2020. That is one reason why we intend to conduct similar analyses in the near future to appraise these changes. The strengths of this study consisted in the opportunity to apply the data of a large ongoing national study and to constructively use weighted data [10]. Questionnaires were administered during health consultations with occupational health services. It would be interesting to pursue this study with a focus group of professionals having participated in these consultations, the objective being to obtain concrete examples illustrating each one of the items. Caregivers are exposed to psychosocial risk-factors, and hospital workers declared psychological distress in major proportions. Significant links between psychological distress and these psychosocial constraints were highlighted. The implications of this study are important for hospital organizations, especially in the context of COVID-19 pandemic since hospital organizations are evolving. Hospital managers can use the study results to guide dedicated actions on specific issues of concern. The detailed description of the constraints according to group of workers could be used to develop a concrete prevention plan based on psychosocial risk factors. Several risk factors that correlated with psychological distress can be potentially improved by future preventive activities. A number of strategies could be applied

249

250

251

252

253

254

255

256

257

258

259

260

261

262

263

264

265

266

267

268

269

270

271

273 to improve working conditions and reduce psychological distress among caregivers. For 274 example and based on the results of present study, it is important to monitor time pressure, 275 to develop solutions to better reconcile private life and work life, to enhance recognition by 276 the professional setting and to diminish people's fears of losing their jobs. 277 278 List of abbreviations 279 Evrest: Evolutions et Relations en Santé au Travail 280 Ethics approval and consent to participate: 281 Employees can decline to complete the questionnaire. The Evrest observatory obtained an 282 authorization from the informatics and liberty commission for the database (CNIL n°906290 283 and 906290VI). 284 Consent for publication: not applicable 285 Availability of data and materials: The datasets used and/or analysed during the current 286 study are available from the corresponding author on reasonable request. 287 288 **Competing Interests:** The authors have declared that no competing interests exist 289 Funding: None 290 291 **Acknowledgments** 292 The authors thank the members of the Evrest observatory. 293

References

- 1. Ruotsalainen JH, Verbeek JH, Mariné A, Serra C. (2015) Preventing occupational stress in healthcare workers. Cochrane Database System Review; 4:CD002892.
 - 2. Weinberg A, Creed F. Stress and psychiatric disorder in healthcare professionals and hospital staff. Lancet 2000;12:533-7.
 - 3. Fiabane E, Giorgi I, Sguazzin C, Argentero P. Work engagement and occupational stress in nurses and other healthcare workers: the role of organisational and personal factors. Journal of Clinical Nursing 2013;22:2614-24.
 - 4. Fileni A, Magnavita N, Mammi F. Malpractice stress syndrome in radiologists and radiotherapists. Perceived causes and consequences. Radiologia medica 2007;112:1069-84.
 - 5. Ketelaar SM, Nieuwenhuijsen K, Bolier L, Smeets O, Sluiter JK. Improving work functioning and mental health of health care employees using an e-mental health approach to workers' health surveillance: pretest-posttest study. Safety and Health at Work 2014;5:216-21.
 - 6. Patel V, Weiss HA, Chowdhary N, Naik S, Pednekar S, Chatterjee S. Lay health worker led intervention for depressive and anxiety disorders in India: impact on clinical and disability outcomes over 12 months. British Journal of Psychiatry 2011;199:459-66.
 - 7. Trybou J, Germonpre S, Janssens H, Casini A, Braeckman L, De Bacquer D, et al. Job-related stress and sickness absence among belgian nurses: a prospective study. Journal of nursing Scholarship2014;46:292-301.
 - 8. Leroyer A, Molinié A-F, Buisset C, Archambault C, Volkoff S. Mise en place d'un observatoire par questionnaire en santé au travail: le dispositif Evrest. Santé Publique 2008;20(suppl.3): S49-S56.
 - 9. Molinié A-F, Leroyer A. Suivre les évolutions du travail et de la santé: EVREST, un dispositif commun pour des usages diversifiés. Perspectives interdisciplinaires sur le travail et la santé 2011. https://doi.org/10.4000/pistes.1852
 - 10. Leroyer A, Murcia M, Chastang JF, Rollin L, Volkoff V, Molinié AF, et al. Méthodologie de redressement des données nationales de l'enquête Évrest. Santé Publique 2019;19:645-55.
 - 11. Askenazy P, Baudelot C, Brochard P, Brun JP, Cases C, Davezies P, et al. Mesurer les facteurs psychosociaux de risque au travail pour les maîtriser. Rapport du Collège d'expertise sur le suivi des risques psychosociaux au travail, faisant suite à la demande du Ministre du travail, de l'emploi et de la santé. 2011. http://travail-
- emploi.gouv.fr/IMG/pdf/rapport_SRPST_definitif_rectifie_11_05_10.pdf Accessed 20 Nov 2017.

12. Malard L, Chastang JF, Niedhammer I. Changes in psychosocial work factors in the French working population between 2006 and 2010. International Archives of Occupational and Environmental Health 2015;88:235-46.

- 13. Abbey M, Chaboyer W, Mitchell M. Understanding the work of intensive care nurses: a time and motion study. Australian Critical Care 2012;25:13-22.
 - 14. Bellagamba G, Gionta G, Senergue J, Bèque C, Lehucher-Michel MP. Organizational factors impacting job strain and mental quality of life in emergency and critical care units. International Journal of Occupational Medicine and Environmental Health 2015;28:357-67.
 - 15. Freimann T, Merisalu E. Work-related psychosocial risk factors and mental health problems amongst nurses at a university hospital in Estonia: A cross-sectional study. Scandinavian Journal of Public Health 2015;43:447-52.
 - 16. Mallidou AA, Cummings GG, Schalm C, Estabrooks CA. Health care aides use of time in a residential long-term care unit: a time and motion study. International Journal of Nursing Studies 2013;50:1229-39.
 - 17. Van Bogaert P, Timmermans O, Weeks SM, van Heusden D, Wouters K, Franck E. Nursing unit teams matter: Impact of unit-level nurse practice environment, nurse work characteristics, and burnout on nurse reported job outcomes, and quality of care, and patient adverse events--a cross-sectional survey. International Journal of Nursing Studies 2014;51:1123-34.
 - 18. Ding Y, Qu J, Yu X, Wang S. The Mediating Effects of Burnout on the Relationship between Anxiety Symptoms and Occupational Stress among Community Healthcare Workers in China: A Cross-Sectional Study. PLoS One 2014;9:e107130.
 - 19. Saijo Y, Chiba S, Yoshioka E, Kawanishi Y, Nakagi Y, Itoh T, et al. Effects of work burden, job strain and support on depressive symptoms and burnout among Japanese physicians. International Journal of Occupational Medicine and Environmental Health 2014;27:980-92.
 - 20. Vander Elst T, De Cuyper N, Baillien E, Niesen W, De Witte H. Perceived Control and Psychological Contract Breach as Explanations of the Relationships Between Job Insecurity, Job Strain and Coping Reactions: Towards a Theoretical Integration. Stress Health 2016; 32:100-16.
 - 21. Lavoie-Tremblay M, Wright D, Desforges N, Gélinas C, Marchionni C, Drevniok U. Creating a healthy workplace for new-generation nurses. Journal Nursing Scholarship 2008;40:290-7.
- 22. Shrestha S, Joshi S. Lived Experiences of the Staff Nurses during First Six months of their Employment in a University Hospital, Kavre. Journal of Nepal Health Research Council 2014;12:182-6.
- 23. Reichert AR, Augurzky B, Tauchmann H. Self-perceived job insecurity and the
 demand for medical rehabilitation: does fear of unemployment reduce health
 care utilization? Health Economics 2015;24:8-25.

24. Bakker AB, Schaufeli WB, Sixma HJ, Bosveld W, Dierendonck D. Patient demands,
 lack of reciprocity, and burnout: a five-year longitudinal study among general
 practitioners. Journal of Organizational Behavior 2000;21:425-41.

- 25. Gao YQ, Pan BC, Sun W, Wu H, Wang JN, Wang L. Pressive symptoms among Chinese nurses: prevalence and the associated factors. Journal of Advanced Nursing 2012;68:1166-75.
- 26. Noben C, Evers S, Nieuwenhuijsen K, Ketelaar S, Gärtner F, Sluiter J, et al. Protecting and promoting mental health of nurses in the hospital setting: Is it cost-effective from an employer's perspective? International Journal of Occupational Medicine and Environmental Health 2015;28:891-900.
- 27. Pisaniello SL, Winefield HR, Delfabbro PH. The influence of emotional labour and emotional work on the occupational health and wellbeing of South Australian hospital nurses. Journal of Vocational Behavior 2012;80:579-91.
- 28. Romani M, Ashkar K. Burnout among physicians. Libyan Journal of Medicine 2014;9:23556.
- 29. Enns V, Currie S, Wang J. Professional autonomy and work setting as contributing factors to depression and absenteeism in Canadian nurses. Nursing Outlook 2015;63:269-77.
- 30. Franzen PL, BuysseDJ. Sleep disturbances and depression: risk relationships for subsequent depression and therapeutic implications. Dialogues in Clinical Neurosciences 2008;10:473-81.

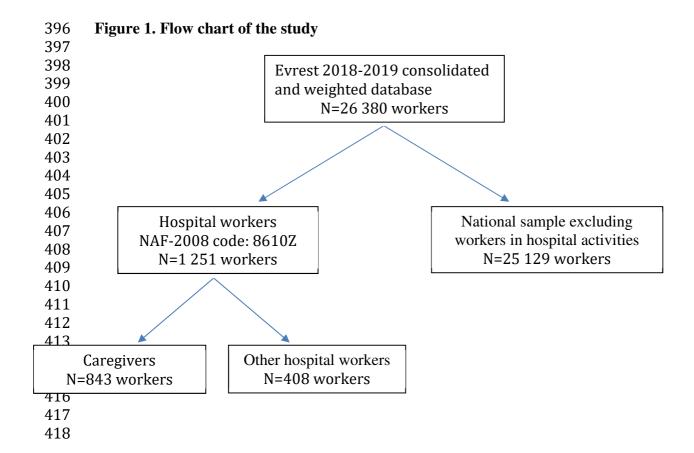


Table 1: Description of the population

		Hosp		National sample (n = 26 380)			
		Caregivers	Other ho s pital workers	p-value ^a	Hospital workers (caregivers and other hospital workers)	National Sample excluding workers in hospital activities	p-value ^b
		(n = 843) weighted %	(n = 408) weighted %	(Rao-Scott) Caregivers vs other hospital workers	(n = 1 251) weighted %	(n = 25 129) weighted %	(Rao-Scott) Hospital workers vs other workers
Gender	Female	85.9	65.5	<0.001	79.2	47.8	<0.001
	Male	14.1	34.5		20.8	52.2	
∖ ge	<=25 years	7.2	5.2	0.286	6.6	14.6	<0.001
	26-35 years	25.5	22.1		24.4	24.3	
	36-45 years	26.8	26.1		26.6	23.9	
	46-55 years	24.7	29.8		26.4	24.4	
	56 years and more	15.8	16.8		16.1	12.8	
Activities sector	1-Mining and Quarrying			-	0.0	1.8	< 0.001
NAF-2008 code	2-Manufacturing				0.0	13.4	
	3-Construction				0.0	6.8	
	4-Wholesale and retail trade, transport and storage, accommodation and food service activities				0.0	28.0	
	5-Information and communication, real estate, financial and insurance activities				0.0	8.1	
	6-Public administration,				0.0	13.1	
	education 7-Human health and social activities				100.0	9.7	
	8-Other service activities				0.0	19.1	
Profession category	3 Executive manager	10.5	10.2		10.4	16.1	<0.001
(PCS-ESE Code)	4 Associate professionals	39.5	34.6		37.9	18.8	
	5 Clerks	50.0	35.1		45.1	36.3	
	6 Workers	0	20.0		6.6	28.8	
Professions included		Physicians:9.1	Technical personnela: 40.0				
%)	eleaners, construction workers, worke	Interns: 4.2 Midwifes: 3.9 Supervisory nurses: 4.2 Nurses: 32.9 Assistants nurses: 34.3 Physiotherapists: 3.2 Other (ambulance drivers. dental assistants): 8.2	Medico-technical ^b personnel: 21.5 Educational and social personnel: 3.4 Administrative personnel: 35.1				

Table 2: Prevalence of the psychosocial risk factors.

Q3. Miss or shorten a meal Q4. Difficulties to reconcile private life and work life 10.9 8.8 0.301 10.2 10.4			Hospital activities (n=1251)			National sample (n=26380)			
Psychosocial risk factors Items			Caregivers		p-value	workers (Caregivers and other hospital	sample excluding workers in hospital	p-value	
Meighted % Weighted % Weighted % Caregivers vs other hospital workers	•	Items	(n = 843)	(n = 408)	(Rao-Scott)	•	(n = 25129)	(Rao-Scott)	
working time 6 on a scale from 0 to 10 50.8 44.2 0.045 48.7 33.2 Q2. Exceed the usual working time 43.4 32.5 0.001 39.8 34.2 Q3. Miss or shorten a meal 47.2 17.2 <0.001 37.4 20.2 Q4. Difficulties to reconcile private life and work life 10.9 8.8 0.301 10.2 10.4 Lack of autonomy Q5. No choice in the way of proceeding 29.3 26.6 0.355 28.4 22.6 Q6. Give up a task for another one not planned 61.0 60.0 0.768 60.6 46.1 Q7. The work is not varied 15.3 12.6 0.251 14.4 16.7 Q8. The work does not allow to learn things 9.1 12.9 0.056 10.3 15.4 Occupational social Q9. Work not recognized by the professional environment 20.2 23.7 0.193 21.3 14.8 Feltical Q11. Do things I disapprove of mutual aid 13.6 15.9 0.304 14.3 13.4 21.4 16.4 0			weighted %	weighted %	vs other hospital	weighted %	weighted %	Hospital workers vs other workers	
Q2. Exceed the usual working time Q3. Miss or shorten a meal Q4. Difficulties to reconcile private life and work life 10.9 8.8 0.301 10.2 10.4	•		50.8	44.2	0.045	48.7	33.2	<0.001	
Q3. Miss or shorten a meal Q4. Difficulties to reconcile private life and work life 10.9 8.8 0.301 10.2 10.4	WORKING CITIC	Q2. Exceed the usual working time						<0.001	
Q4. Difficulties to reconcile private life and work life 10.9 8.8 0.301 10.2 10.4								<0.001	
Lack of autonomy Proceeding 29.3 26.6 0.355 28.4 22.6			47.2	17.2	10.001	37.4	20.2	10.001	
autonomy proceeding 29.3 26.6 0.355 28.4 22.6 Q6. Give up a task for another one not planned 61.0 60.0 0.768 60.6 46.1 Q7. The work is not varied 15.3 12.6 0.251 14.4 16.7 Q8. The work does not allow to learn things 9.1 12.9 0.056 10.3 15.4 Occupational Q9. Work not recognized by the social professional environment 20.2 23.7 0.193 21.3 14.8 relationships Q10. No sufficient possibilities of mutual aid 13.6 15.9 0.304 14.3 13.4 Q11. Do things I disapprove of 23.8 19.8 0.144 22.5 18.0 Ethical Q12. Do not have the means to dilemma ensure high-quality work Q13. Handle too fast an operation			10.9	8.8	0.301	10.2	10.4	0.882	
not planned 61.0 60.0 0.768 60.6 46.1 Q7. The work is not varied 15.3 12.6 0.251 14.4 16.7 Q8. The work does not allow to learn things 9.1 12.9 0.056 10.3 15.4 Occupational Q9. Work not recognized by the social professional environment 20.2 23.7 0.193 21.3 14.8 relationships Q10. No sufficient possibilities of mutual aid 13.6 15.9 0.304 14.3 13.4 Q11. Do things I disapprove of 23.8 19.8 0.144 22.5 18.0 Ethical Q12. Do not have the means to dilemma ensure high-quality work 21.4 16.4 0.054 19.7 10.4 Q13. Handle too fast an operation 15.9 0.054 19.7 10.4 Q14. The work is not varied 15.3 12.6 0.251 14.4 16.4 0.054 19.7 10.4 Q15. The work is not varied 15.3 12.6 0.251 14.9 Q15. The work is not varied 15.3 12.6 0.251 14.9 Q16. The work is not varied 15.3 12.6 0.251 14.4 16.4 0.054 19.7 10.4 Q16. The work is not varied 15.3 12.6 0.251 14.9 Q17. The work is not varied 15.3 12.6 0.251 14.9 Q18. The work does not allow to learn things 10.7 10.4 Q18. The work does not allow to learn things 10.7 10.4 Q18. The work does not allow to learn things 10.7 10.4 Q18. The work does not allow to learn things 10.7 10.4 Q18. The work does not allow to learn things 10.7 Q19. The work does not allow to learn things 10.7 Q19. The work does not allow to learn things 10.7 Q19. The work does not allow to learn things 10.7 Q19. The work does not allow to learn things 10.7 Q19. The work does not allow to learn things 10.7 Q19. The work does not allow to learn things 10.7 Q19. The work does not allow to learn things 10.7 Q19. The work does not allow to learn things 10.7 Q19. The work does not allow to learn things 10.7 Q19. The work does not allow to learn things 10.7 Q19. The work does not allow to learn things 10.7 Q19. The work does n		proceeding Q6. Give up a task for another one not planned Q7. The work is not varied	29.3	26.6	0.355	28.4	22.6	<0.001	
15.3 12.6 0.251 14.4 16.7			61.0	60.0	0.768	60.6	46.1	<0.001	
Learn things 9.1 12.9 0.056 10.3 15.4			15.3	12.6	0.251	14.4	16.7	0.058	
Social professional environment 20.2 23.7 0.193 21.3 14.8			9.1	12.9	0.056	10.3	15.4	<0.001	
mutual aid Q11. Do things I disapprove of Q12. Do not have the means to dilemma 13.6 15.9 0.304 14.3 13.4 Ethical dilemma Q12. Do not have the means to ensure high-quality work Q13. Handle too fast an operation 21.4 16.4 0.054 19.7 10.4	social	professional environment	20.2	23.7	0.193	21.3	14.8	<0.001	
Ethical Q12. Do not have the means to dilemma ensure high-quality work 21.4 16.4 0.054 19.7 10.4 Q13. Handle too fast an operation		·	13.6	15.9	0.304	14.3	13.4	0.407	
dilemma ensure high-quality work 21.4 16.4 0.054 19.7 10.4 Q13. Handle too fast an operation		Q11. Do things I disapprove of	23.8	19.8	0.144	22.5	18.0	<0.001	
		ensure high-quality work	21.4	16.4	0.054	19.7	10.4	<0.001	
William Would 837 IOI IIIOIE CATE 41.3 25.0 \0.001 37.4 21.0		which would ask for more care	41.5	29.0	<0.001	37.4	21.0	<0.001	
Job insecurity Q14. Work with the fear of losing my job 10.4 10.3 0.963 10.4 10.2	Job insecurity	9	10.4	10.3	0.963	10.4	10.2	0.833	

Significant results are bold.

Table 3: Prevalence of psychological distress.

	Hospital activities (n=1 251)			N	National sample (n=26 380)		
	Caregivers	Other hospital workers	p-value	Hospital workers (Caregivers and other hospital workers)	National sample excluding workers in hospital activities	p-value	
	(n = 843)	(n = 408)	(Rao- Scott)	(n = 1 251)	(n = 25 129)	(Rao- Scott)	
	weighted %	weighted %	Caregivers vs other hospital workers	weighted %	weighted %	Hospital workers vs other workers	
Fatigue	35.5	37.7	0.479	37.0	23.3	<0.001	
Anxiety, nervousness	24.0	23.9	0.963	23.9	17.3	< 0.001	
Sleeping disorders Association of fatigue and anxiety	26.7	26.2	0.865	26.4	18.9	<0.001	
nervousness and sleeping disorders	12.3	12.4	0.983	12.3	7.3	<0.001	

Significant results are bold.

Table 4: Psychosocial factors associated to psychological distress, bivariate analysis and logistic regression adjusted on socio-demographic factors.

		Bivariate analysis			Multivariate analysis			
		Hospital	Hospital activities		Hospital activities		National sample excluding hospital activities	
Psychosocial		Caregivers	Other hospital	activities	Caregivers	Other hospital		
risk factors	Items	-	workers		-	workers		
		(n = 843)	(n = 408)	(n = 25 129)	(n = 843)	(n = 408)	(n = 25 129)	
		OR [95%CI]	OR [95%CI]	OR [95%CI]	OR [95%CI]	OR [95%CI]	OR [95%CI]	
Intensity and	Q1. Undergo a strong time pressure ≥ 6				<u></u>	<u> </u>		
working time	on a scale from 0 to 10	2.88 [1.73 - 4.81]	2.54 [1.27 - 5.09]	3.09 [2.72 - 3.50]	2.33 [1.35 - 4.04]	-	1.74 [1.49 - 2.04]	
	Q2. Exceed the usual working time	1.41 [0.89 - 2.25]	1.26 [0.64 - 2.52]	1.77 [1.56 - 2.00]	-	-	-	
	Q3. Miss or shorten a meal	1.35 [0.86 - 2.13]	3.66 [1.76 - 7.59]	2.15 [1.88 - 2.45]	-	-	-	
	Q4. Difficulties to conciliate private life	•	•	-				
	and work life	4.17 [2.30 - 7.54]	4.80 [1.88 - 12.27]	3.39 [2.92 - 3.93]	2.95 [1.54 - 5.69]	2.76 [1.04 - 7.30]	2.18 [1.84 - 2.59]	
Lack of	Q5. No choice in the way of proceeding							
autonomy		1.69 [1.06 - 2.71]	1.26 [0.63 - 2.53]	1.80 [1.58 - 2.05]	-	-	1.19 [1.02 - 1.38]	
	Q6. Give up a task for another one not							
	planned	1.47 [0.90 - 2.40]	2.12 [1.03 - 4.37]	2.12 [1.86 - 2.40]	-	-	1.43 [1.23 - 1.66]	
	Q7. The work is not varied	1.44 [0.81 - 2.56]	1.60 [0.62 - 4.15]	1.52 [1.31 - 1.75]	-	-	-	
	Q8. The work does not allow to learn							
	things	2.63 [1.36 - 5.10]	2.54 [1.09 - 5.9]	1.72 [1.48 - 1.99]	-	-	1.31 [1.10 - 1.56]	
Occupational	Q9. Work not recognized by the							
social	professional environment	2.39 [1.44 - 3.95]	2.14 [1.04 - 4.40]	2.47 [2.15 - 2.84]	1.89 [1.08 - 3.31]	-	1.27 [1.07 - 1.52]	
relationships	Q10. No sufficient possibilities of							
	mutual aid	1.80 [0.97 - 3.34]	5.12 [2.46 - 10.65]	2.58 [2.23 - 2.97]	-	2.85 [1.24 - 6.53]	1.34 [1.12 - 1.60]	
	Q11. Make things I disapprove	2.41 [1.49 - 3.90]	1.72 [0.83 - 3.59]	2.72 [2.38 - 3.10]	-	-	1.47 [1.26 - 1.72]	
Ethical	Q12. Do not have the means to make a							
dilemma	good quality work	2.93 [1.78 - 4.83]	5.74 [2.78 - 11.87]	3.02 [2.60 - 3.51]	-	3.42 [1.62 - 7.21]	-	
	Q13. Handle too quickly a procedure							
	operation which would require more			- >- ! !				
 	care	1.62 [1.01 - 2.60]	3.00 [1.50 - 5.99]	3.06 [2.70 - 3.48]	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	1.58 [1.35 - 1.84]	
Job insecurity	Q14. Work with the fear of losing my	0.00 (4.00 0.44)	0.04/4.47 7.071	3 (2 16 2 04)	2 22 14 52 5 22			
Cianificant mag	job	2.93 [1.58 - 5.44]	2.94 [1.17 - 7.37]	2.52 [2.16 - 2.94]	2.98 [1.53 - 5.80]	-	1.60 [1.35 - 1.91]	

Significant results are bold.