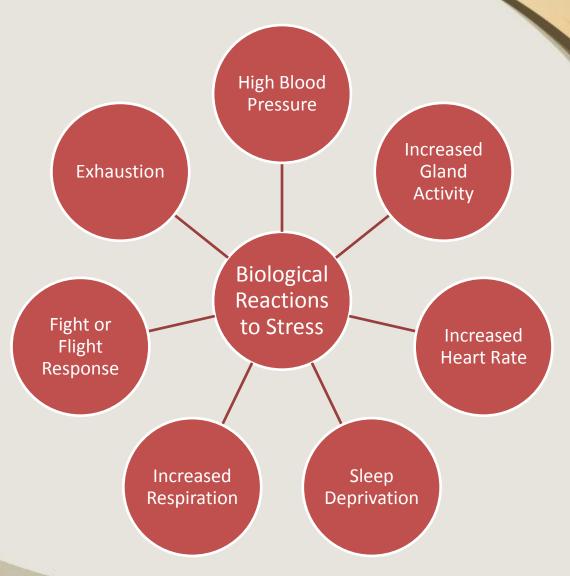


Biological Reactions to Stress



Program Objectives (1 of 3)

- Recognize stress and its symptoms.
- Diagnose personal and organizational stress/stressors.
- Identify specific problems and apply treatments.
- Gain practical techniques that can be readily applied.

Program Objectives (2 of 3)

- Describe long- and short-term stressors and trigger situations.
- Identify your personal and workrelated sources of stress.
- Describe several common lifestyle and societal pressures that can produce stress.

Program Objectives (3 of 3)

- Reduce negative stress and its effects.
- Learn passive progressive relaxation techniques.
- Practice, discuss, and problem solve.

Definition

 Non-specific response to a demand -- a product of change.

 Any situation, good or bad, that causes you to readjust.

The Alarm Reaction

- Biological changes.
- Increased gland activity.
- Increased heart and respiration.
- Elevated blood pressure.
- Body poised for action.

Fight or Flight Response.

Stressors

- Physical -- external factors.
- Social -- caused by interactions between an individual and his/her environment.
- Psychological -- strong emotions can be brought on by external or internal factors.

Kinds Of Stress

- The kind of stimulus that represents a challenge or threat which causes an alarm reaction and then elicits a response which resolves the situation.
- A condition in which we experience a continual barrage of unresolved stimuli.

Kinds Of Stress

Appraisal Stage:

 The first opportunity in which a person's belief systems, past experience, and personality determine if a specific situation will be successful.

Coping Stage:

 The second opportunity where the person determines whether the response will be either positive or negative.

Related Terms

- Anxiety.
- Free-Floating Anxiety.
- Stress.
- Tension.
- Fear.

- Phobia.
- Unconscious Anxiety.
- Panic.
- Existential Anxiety.





Standard Stress Response (1 of 2)

- 1. Increased blood pressure.
- 2. Increased pulse rate.
- 3. A heart-pounding feeling in your chest.
- 4. Dilation of the pupils.
- 5. Dry mouth.

Standard Stress Response (2 of 2)

- 6. Increased perspiration, especially on the palms.
- 7. Muscle tension.
- 8. Fast, shallow breathing.
- 9. Fatigue.
- 10. Boredom.

Reaction To Stress

- The General Adaptation Syndrome, developed by Hans Selye, former professor and director of the Institute of Experimental Medicine and Surgery at the University of Montreal, (Selye, 1974).
 - Stage 1: Alarm.
 - Stage 2: Resistance.
 - Stage 3: Exhaustion.





Organizational Sources Of Burn-Out



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