### WHAT IF YOUR TEAM COULD

# PRIORITIZE BREAKS

### TAKING REST BREAKS AND MEAL BREAKS



decreases fatigue



improves well-being



time to cope with stressors



decreases burnout











### Breaks allotted for a 12-hour shift:

One unpaid meal break (20–30 minutes) Two paid rest breaks (5–15 minutes each)

# Intention to take a break is needed to make it happen

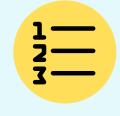
## **Break Areas**

- Break room
- Conference room
- Outside for fresh air
- Waiting room (when not in use)

#### TAKING YOUR BREAKS IS A FOUR STEP PROCESS



Plan out
at team huddle
when team
members will
take their breaks



Prioritize
breaks along
with nursing
tasks



Exchange
patient coverage
with CN or break
pod nurse



Take Break
disengage from
work and focus
on personal
needs



# Overwhelmed? S.T.O.P.

- S Stop, or pause
- T Take a breath
- O Observe thoughts, feelings, and emotions
- P Proceed with more awareness

COMMIT TO PRIORITIZE YOUR BREAKS TODAY!