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Based on what you see on TV, doctors, when they aren’t having sex,



…are under some other kind of stress.



And the latest survey results indicate that may not be too far off the mark:

More after this from Charlie

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A new study of American physicians finds that 46% of them are suffering at least one of the three symptoms of professional burnout.



Dr. Tait Shanafelt of the Mayo Clinic led the study, which surveyed close to 7300 doctors… and he result worry him:



Nearly 38 percent of the doctors said they were going through (QUOTE) "high emotional exhaustion.” 30% said they experienced cynicism was an issue. More than 12 percent said they didn’t felt they’d accomplished much.

The news isn’t ALL bad. In some medical fields doctors do fine: dermatologists and pediatricians and doctors practicing preventive medicine doctors were the LEAST stressed. But first responders:



And this threat of a significant number of doctors burning out and possibly leaving the profession comes at just the wrong time;



Sounds like the next step for health reform … will be caring for the caregivers.