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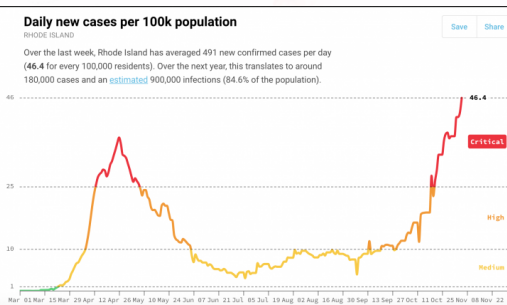
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Life in the Medical Field Before COVID19, During the Pandemic, and How it may be Forever Changed

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Introduction

Working in the medical field during a pandemic has certainly been a learning experience. Never did I think that such a situation would arise in my lifetime, and I wanted to gain a better understanding of how it affected other medical professionals. This led me to create a mini-series podcast with different employees of a local primary care office to gather their thoughts and experiences being on the frontlines during the global pandemic that escalated exponentially in March of 2020. Lack of PPE and preparation for such a situation caused an already stressful job to become overwhelming where healthcare workers were risking their lives every day to save the lives of others.



Methods

- I learned the ins and outs of a podcasting software called "Audacity"
- I devised a series of questions and interviewed the medical professionals one on one
- Each interview was then edited in a style that flowed better for the listener
- Lastly the finished products were finalized and uploaded to Buzzsprout

Podcast

Televisit
COVID19 Shock
Unprepared
Workload
PPE
Unpredictable
Pandemic

DO Quote: "They say in medicine you never want to be the first to prescribe something, but you also never want to be the last, because if you're the first there's a risk that all the side effects haven't been hashed out yet. But if you're the last you're probably practicing outdated stuff"

Free podcast access using the link:

<https://lifeinthemedicalfieldpodcast.buzzsprout.com>



Discussion

In the making of this project, I learned that this pandemic has been a large shock to all. Doctors, managers, nurses, and medical assistants were all in agreement that this is unexpected and has been difficult to deal with. With the initial lack of PPE, long hours, and the constant possibility of exposure to a life-threatening virus, working in the medical field during such a time has been difficult for everyone. I was interested to hear that nobody had ever had training in such a topic and feel as though it will probably be included in medical schooling from now on.

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According to the CDC:
640,000 daily cases worldwide
Rhode Island = highest cases per capita

Resources

- <https://stories.uh.edu/covid-19/>
- <https://www.golocalpro.com/news/healthcare-crisis-u.s.-and-ri-have-record-number-of-new-coronavirus-cases>
- https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases_casesper100klast7days
- <https://www.podcasthero.com/directory/buzzsprout/>
- <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1540288/episodes>
- <http://www.thenewportbuzz.com/rhode-island-now-has-the-highest-covid-infection-rate-in-the-united-states/26608>

