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### Tiger Country: Using play reading to facilitate discussion about physician health and wellbeing Dr Evie Kemp

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- Experience play reading as a tool to introduce difficult topics
- Discuss themes regarding physician health and wellbeing relating to characters in the play
- Reflect on ideas to help ourselves deal with similar issues in real life



## Learning objectives

- » Introduction
- » Background about play and author
- » Play reading excerpts
- » Questions and discussion







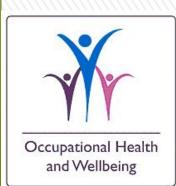


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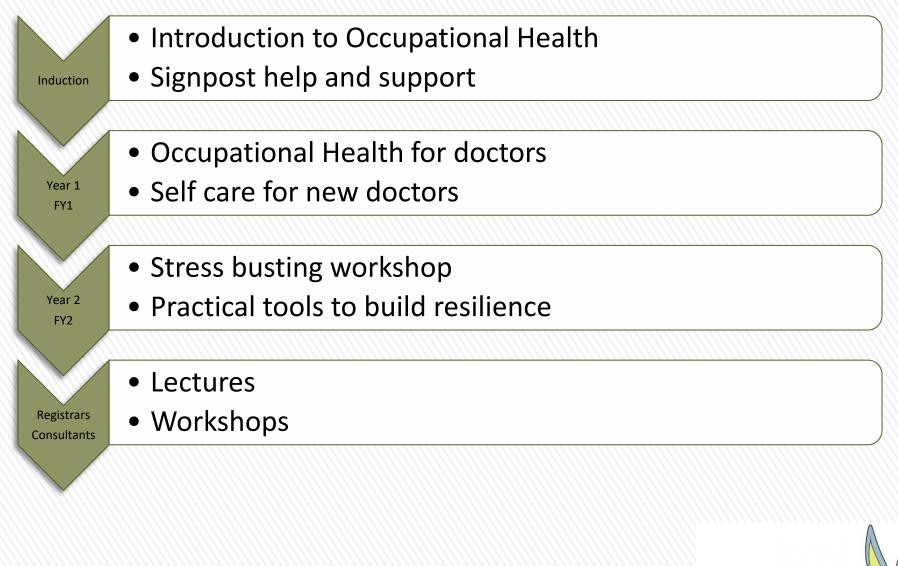




#### **Occupational Health at OUH**



## Doctors Health and Wellbeing OUH



## "What's Up Doc?"





## **Tiger Country by Nina Raine**

- » Doctor's illness behaviour and boundary issues
- » Pressures on a female Asian surgeon including racism and sexism
- » Dealing with a sick relative being treated in physician's own hospital
- » Pressures on the relationship between two junior doctors/ different responses to work stress

# Topics to fit with conference theme

Doctor's illness behaviour and boundary issues

#### Characters:

John cardiology registrar mid 30s Brian urology consultant early 40s





- » What do you think about John's behaviour as doctor patient?
- » Were there any boundary/professional violations in this scenario?
- » Is this realistic? Could this happen in your country?
- » What recommendations would you give a doctor friend/yourself to avoid these problems?



Pressures on a female Asian surgical senior trainee

#### Characters:

Vashti urology registrar mid 30s Brian urology consultant early 40s





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- » How do gender issues affect Vashti's professional interactions?
- » How do race issues affect Vashti's professional interactions?
- » Is there still a glass ceiling for women in medicine?
- » This scene is set in the NHS in UK- could this occur in your country? Would the story be the same or different?



Dealing with a sick relative being treated in your hospital

#### Characters:

Vashti urology registrar mid 30s James senior house officer surgery mid 20s Nurse



- » Does Vashti deal appropriately with her sick aunt?
- » What would you do in this situation?
- » Is it ever appropriate to treat or prescribe for relatives?



Pressures on the relationship between two junior doctors/ different responses to work stress

#### Characters:

Emily

senior house officer A and E mid 20s

James

senior house officer surgery late 20s





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- » How well/badly did Emily cope with the stress of being a junior doctor?
- » How well/badly did James cope with the stress of being a junior doctor?
- » How did this affect their relationship?
- » Is this a realistic scenario?
- » What advice would you give to two junior doctors who are a couple to help them sustain their relationship?



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