The investigation of secondary traumatic stress levels observed in emergency service personnel in terms of dissociation level, perceived social support and coping strategies

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In this study, secondary traumatic stress levels of health personnel working at emergency services are examined in terms of dissociation level, perceived social support and coping strategies. Health personnel working at hospital polyclinics were included in the study for comparison purposes. 159 emergency service worker and 153 polyclinic worker received five scales to investigate the relationship between work place and post-traumatic stress symptoms, psychopathology symptoms, dissociation level, perceived social support and coping strategies. Among the analysis, post-traumatic stress symptoms, psychopathology symptoms and dissociation levels of the employers at polyclinics were significantly higher than that of the employers at emergency services.