

Just Book Healthcare – Staff Retention Toolkit

Staff retention is a critical component of healthcare workforce management. The following toolkit provides evidence-based strategies, best practices, and actionable checklists designed to support healthcare leaders. Sources are cited in APA format at the end of this document.

Staff Retention Strategies

- ✓ Offer flexible scheduling options to accommodate personal needs.
- ✓ Recognize and reward strong performance with both praise and incentives.
- ✓ **Provide access to continuing education and professional development.**
- ✓ Ensure clear and consistent communication between staff and leadership.
- ✓ Create a positive work environment where staff feel valued and supported.

Best Practices for Retention

- ★ Conduct regular one-on-one check-ins with your team.
- ★ Act quickly on staff feedback and make improvements where possible.
- ★ **Empower staff with decision-making authority in their roles.**
- ★ Provide a structured and friendly onboarding experience.
- ★ Celebrate milestones, birthdays, and team achievements.

Monthly Retention Checklist

- ☐ **Conduct team check-in and gather informal feedback.**
- ☐ Review shift schedules for fairness and flexibility.
- ☐ Identify any emerging signs of burnout or stress.
- ☐ Acknowledge birthdays, anniversaries, and wins.
- ☐ Send out a short anonymous pulse survey.
- ☐ Review turnover data or resignation trends (if any).

- ☐ **Share updates, gratitude, or shout-outs in team communication.**
- ☐ Follow up on any past feedback or action items.

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