Human Needs and Work



Needs	Examples of how these can get triggered	What I know about how I react to this
ມີ Inclusivity & Belonging	 Exclusion from meetings/groups we feel we should be in Finding out decisions have been made without our input Organizational materials or leaders that use excluding language consistently Finding out others have gossiped about you, or that someone has shared something confidential with others Other Examples: 	
Respect	 Written communications (email/text) or verbal communications that are impolite, demanding or rude. Differences in how we are addressed, relative to others (use of nicknames when not given permission; use of first name when others are called 'Dr.', etc.) Other Examples: 	



Autonomy	 Authority is used to govern (demands; 'just because') Power differentials and hierarchies rule 'Chain of command' governs communications Inability to make day-to-day decisions- must run them up the flagpole Rigidity around rules for the sake of rules/standardization Schedule is very difficult or impossible to flex Other Examples:
Fairness	 Favoritism of individuals, or particular groups of people Different rules for different people or groups of people Unequal distribution of disciplinary actions Organization gets more white, hetero, and male at higher status/pay Other Examples:
O Purpose	 Low value, bureaucratic tasks take too much time (EHR notes, mandated trainings, timesheets) High value work is compromised by time pressures Other Examples:
Integrity	 Being asked to do something unethical Being told to do something that doesn't align with your values Seeing the organization or leaders act in a way that doesn't match what is professed Other Examples:



Safety	 Pay is not a livable wage Benefits are not sufficient to meet basic needs Co-workers not adhering to COVID protocols; lack of consistency from managers on enforcing COVID protocols Lack of action on reported harassment Lack of action to protect employees from verbal abuse by patients Asking for flood lights in a parking lot or other safety measures and being ignored Other Examples: 	
Self-esteem & Value	 Lack of recognition or acknowledgment for hard, high-quality work Contributions to discussions being ignored or dismissed Stymied in being able to move up in the organization Other Examples: 	
Connection	 No time allotted or allowed for human-to human connection Non-work-related conversations are shut down higher ups Meals or breaks are taken solo Co-workers don't ask about each-others personal lives, or if someone is okay if they seem down or ill. Few or only selected celebrations of birthdays, baby showers; etc. Other Examples: 	

