

**MEDLI Journal Club**

**Merrick Library**

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Becker, RW and McCrillis, A “Health Sciences librarians, patient contact and secondary traumatic stress” Journal of the Medical Library Association 103(2):87-90, April, 2015.

**Discussion questions**

1. I would love to have seen a copy their instrument. For instance, on their abstract summary in the beginning, they say they had a 25 item survey and the Secondary Traumatic Stress Scale (STSS) to distribute, but in their methodology section they state that the 25 item survey consisted of screening questions on demographics...the 17 STSS questions and 3 questions on support systems. I found this confusing? Was this for you?
2. In table one did they provide the Types of services provided or force a response? Which do you think is the better approach.
3. If someone approached you, as a researcher, to help them find an appropriate instrument for this type of study, what are some resources you would consider using?
4. In their results section, they report a 4% response rate. Do you think this is a good or poor response?
5. In the limitations section the author states that there might be a higher prevalence of STS in HSLs who participate more directly in patient care. What do you think she means by this? Would not this mean clinical librarians? And doesn't she have the date for this group?
6. What did you think of the subject of this article?