Compassion Fatigue:
Connection to Trauma, Stages, and Assessments

Section 3

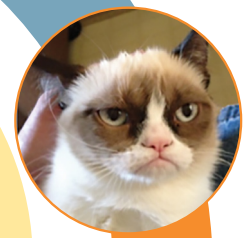
RENEWAL vs. PATHOLOGY – Leaving the profession, physical and mental illness, chronic symptoms **or** hardiness, resiliency, transformation.

COMPASSION RESILIENCE

LEAVE PROFESSION

Renewal vs. Pathology

ZEALOT – We are committed, involved, and available, ready to problem solve and to make a difference. We are willing to go the extra mile.



IRRITABILITY – Anger and cynicism, diminished creativity, sadness, feeling helpless or hopeless.

Compassion Fatigue's Path

(Cycle is from work of Eric Gentry, PhD, 2012)

WITHDRAWAL – Overwhelmed by complexity, chronic exhaustion, physical illness, difficulty empathizing, feeling numb to other's pain, absenteeism.

ZOMBIE – A sense that you can't ever do enough, inflated sense of importance, sleeplessness, sense of persecution.