

Bridgette M. Brawner, PhD, MDiv, APRN @DrBMBrawner · May 28 A1: So many aspects of #COVID19 are traumatizing, whether we sense it or not. Breaks from news/media, starting/ending the day with a centering activity (e.g., prayer, yoga) and talking it out with others can help #MFPCHAT @ANAMFP





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@ANAMFP meditation, journaling, psychotherapy, art-based reflective practices, honest self-reflection and conversations with loved ones. Self-awareness and compassion. twitter.com/drbmbrawner/st...





Bridgette M. Brawner, PhD, MDiv, APRN @DrBMBrawner · May 28 A2: Some of us feel drawn to a passion or area of work. #COVID19 doesn't make that disappear, although it may slightly change. It can be helpful to revisit your "why" by writing down your passions--the things you are interested in seeing change in the world. #MFPCHAT @ANAMFP





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A2. MFPCHAT @ANAMFP Stay connected with purpose through mediation and prayer sitting nature walks, journaling, art, vision boarding, or gardening. Keep reminders of what you're made of, what you've overcome. Look at childhood photos, talk with parents and elders to stay grounded





Bridgette M. Brawner, PhD, MDiv, APRN @DrBMBrawner · May 28 A3: Life happens so fast we don't always check in with/scan our bodies to see how we're doing. Take time to notice the tension or uneasiness you feel, where you feel it, and events that came before/after **#MFPCHAT** @ANAMFP





A3. MFPCHAT @ANAMFP Don't be guilty about self-care. You're a natural resource. Protect yourself as you would any natural resource. The world needs you and your brilliance. Self-care is a philanthropic form of service to others; it helps you to do and be your best.



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Bridgette M. Brawner, PhD, MDiv, APRN @DrBMBrawner · May 28 → A3: You would be amazed how the body processes AND stores information. Ex: a microaggression or other incident over email can cause you to get a tension headache every time you check email. Processing the incident can help sever the mind-body tie to the event. @anamfp #MFPCHAT





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Body scanning is a very useful skill to develop#patience, awareness, focus#mfpchat

Shaquita Starks, PhD @NurseDocStarks · May 28

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#MFPCHAT @ANAMFP Morning rituals and intentions to shield ourselves from potentially hurtful experiences can help. Intentional breaks, calming music, and photos of supportive loved ones can also be healing.

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Q4 **#MFPCHAT** @ANAMFP Be authentic about what you want and who you really are. Remember your ancestors and how far they've come to get you where you are now. Develop authentic relationships with mentors, therapists, spiritual leaders so you can serve yourself and stay healthy.

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Bridgette M. Brawner, PhD, MDiv, APRN @DrBMBrawner · May 28 A5: Dr. @CherylGiscombe hit the nail on the head when she developed the #Superwoman #Schema. Many are particularly feeling the crunch caregiving during #COVID19 **#MFPCHAT** @ANAMFP



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Q5 **#MFPCHAT** @ANAMFP It is important for us to learn how to care without carrying. Present moment awareness can help with this. Remember that your capacity to care is a gift. There's nothing wrong with caring, but know what is YOUR capacity and what is left up to a higher power.





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Q5 **#MFPCHAT** @ANAMFP SWS can be a double-edged sword. Selfawareness and prioritization of taking care of yourself as a natural resource is key. There is a time for caring and a time for caregiving. We must know the difference.

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Bridgette M. Brawner, PhD, MDiv, APRN @DrBMBrawner · May 28 A6: Knowing the importance of narratives/storytelling in health and healing, it is also important that we share our stories with others to help them fight through their battles, or, even implement #WellnessTips we've found to be successful #MFPCHAT @ANAMFP

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DrCherylGiscombe @CherylGiscombe · May 28 q% #MFPCHAT @ANAMFP Yes, Dr. @DrBMBrawner! We stand on the shoulders of giants. Their lives provide a roadmap for resilience. We can do more than survive...we can survive. Most of all, we are not alone!

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#mentalwellness and #health these days?



DrCherylGiscombe @CherylGiscombe · May 28 Q6 #MFPCHAT @ANAMFP I LOVE watching interviews and reading biographies of thought leaders, bold leaders who share my values and those who can help me to expand my perspective, live courageously, and help me to keep striving to be my best. like @urbanmediamaven Cathy Hughes





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Q7 Group trauma/collective trauma also helps us understand how we may be so easily triggered. Yet, therapeuatic practices, followed by intentional actions are essential; we can uncover the tools that previous generations dreamed of. **#MFPCHAT** @ANAMFP

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Bridgette M. Brawner, PhD, MDiv, APRN @DrBMBrawner · May 28 All hope is NOT lost with #generational or #group #trauma "one person's commitment to healing from trauma may break the chains of an entire generation, as well as generations to come." ~ Dr. @CherylGiscombe #MFPCHAT @anamfp





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Q5 Studying history, reading literature, quiet contemplation, therapy, studying nature - all of these can help us understand how to find purpose in what appears to be chaos. Tapping into our deeper wisdom. #MFPCHAT @ANAMFP





Bridgette M. Brawner, PhD, MDiv, APRN @DrBMBrawner · May 28 Also, my default answer to all of our questions tonight is to also get connected with a licensed #mentalhealth #provider. Instead of battling through on your own, give yourself the gift of a trained professional who can help you process and THRIVE through it all. @anamfp #MFPCHAT



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Q8 For MFP Scholars, this is how we can stay inspired to develop and apply strong research skills. We can pursue expertise in policy change. We can purposefully enage in our scholarship, because there is no doubt that we are in need of a paradigm shift **#MFPCHAT** @ANAMFP

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THIS!!!!! Involvement in **#policy** is so KEY & often overlooked. But, that is where decisions are made and carried out. Unfortunately our voices are underrepresented in that area. I am confident our **@anamfp** fellows and **@anamfpalumni** are ready to lead the charge! **#MFPCHAT**





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> Q9: WHAT MINDFULNESS ACTIVITIES WOULD HELP MANAGE ACADEMIC STRESS CAUSED BY MOVE TO ONLINE LEARNING, **REDUCED OR NO CLINICAL PLACEMENTS?**





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Q9. Lovingkindness meditation can help us generate more compassion for ourselves, as well as others. Oftentimes, we are our own worst critics. We can learn to release guilt and self-judgment and replace them with grace, forgiveness, and gentleness **#MFPCHAT** @ANAFMP

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Thank you for reminding us that part of self-care is being in the moment#without judgement.MFPCHAT@ANAMFP

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Bridgette M. Brawner, PhD, MDiv, APRN @DrBMBrawner · May 28 Replying to @OutlawFreida Definitely Dr. @OutlawFreida! Just a few minutes to bring calm into the body makes a world of difference. #MFPCHAT @anamfp

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Q10. As the elders say, our test can be our testimony to help others to know that survival is possible. We don't wish for these tests, but they are unavoidable. So we can reframe these experiences with faith and a growth mindset. **#MFPCHAT** @ANAMFP

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@DrBMBrawner, I totally agree. "Giving space to honor that experience" #MFPCHAT @anamfp

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