Burnout Potential Inventory

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How often do these situations bother you at work? Use the scale below to rate how often you are bothered by each situation described in the quiz. Then add up your points when

you're done. Rarely) 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 (Constantly

 1. I can't solve the problems assigned to me. 2. I am trapped in my job with no options. 3. I am unable to influence decisions that affect me. 4. I may be laid off and these is nothing I can do.
No Information 5. I am unclear about the responsibilities of my job 6. I don't have information I need to perform well 7. People I work with don't understand my role 8. I don't understand the purpose of my work
Conflict 9. I am caught in the middle 10. I must satisfy conflicting demands 11. I disagree with people at work 12. I must violate procedures to get my job done
Poor Team Work 13. Co-workers undermine me 14. Management displays favoritism 15. Office politics interfere with my doing my job 16. People compete instead of cooperate
Overload 17. My job interferes with my personal life 18. I have too much to do into little time 19. I must work on my own time 20. My workload is overwhelming
Boredom21. I have too little to do22. I am overqualified for the work I actually do23. My work is not challenging24. The majority of my time is spent on routine tasks

Powerlessness

Poor Feedback
25. I don't know what Iim doing right or wrong.
26. My supervisor doesnit give feedback on my work.
27. I get information too late to act on it.
28. I donit see the results of my work
Punishment
29. My supervisor is critical.
30. Someone else gets credit for my work.
31. My work is unappreciated.
32. I get blamed for others' mistakes.
Alienation
33. I am isolated form others.
34. I am just a cog in the organizational wheel.
35. I have little in common with people I work with.
36. I avoid telling people where I work or what I do
Ambiguity
37. The rules are constantly changing.
38. I donit know what is expected of me.
39. There is no relationship between performance and success.
40. Priorities I must meet are unclear.
Unrewarding
41. My work is not satisfying.
42. I have few real successes.
43. My career progress is not what I'd hoped.
44. I don't get respect.
Values Conflict
45. I must compromise my values.
46. People disapprove of what I do.
47. I don't believe in the company.
48. My heart is not in my work
40. My heart is not in my work
Scoring: Your risk of Burnout
48 - 168 Low. Take preventive action.
169 - 312 Moderate. Develop a plan to correct problem areas.
313 - 432 High. Corrective action is vital.

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