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Learning objectives

Global healthcare systems are characterized by a very competitive era, marked by constant changes, recurrent technological innovations, increased workflows, and many other aspects that require qualified and motivated healthcare professionals to be able to meet the demands and to provide quality healthcare services 1, 2, 3. Although it is a concept susceptible to many definitions due to its multidimensionality and subjectivity, the World Health Organization (WHO) defines Quality of Life (QL) as an individual's perception of their position in life concerning the values and culture...

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Background

A quantitative and descriptive correlational study was conducted to assess QL and QWL among radiographers. For the accomplishment of this study, an adapted online questionnaire was applied. For QL and QWL assessment, World Health Organization (WHO) Quality of Life- Bref (WHOQOL-Bref) and Quality of Work Life- Bref (QWL-Bref) questionnaires were adopted. In QL assessment, four dimensions, namely physical, psychological, social relations and environmental were considered. Concerning QWL, personal, social, health, psychological and professional issues were assessed. The final sample was composed by a total of...

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Findings and procedure details

Radiographers from both countries presented positive response averages in questions related to QL, even though, in general, radiographers from Portugal present higher values mostly in the psychological and social domain. The overall aspects and response average values in the four QL dimensions assessed, namely physical, psychological, social relations and environmental domains are represented in figures 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively. [Fig 1] [Fig 2] [Fig 3] [Fig 4] The differences found are mostly related to QWL, in which England radiographers presents higher response averages...

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Conclusion

Radiographers from Portugal present a greater QL unlike England, which presents a better QWL of its professionals. This study may lead to an awareness and to an effort to improve radiographer's QL and QWL to achieve a greater personal satisfaction and, consequently, a better performance of their professional practice. However, there is still a need for more broad studies to understand even further the differences found in different countries in what this topic concerns.

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Fig 1: Representation of the aspects and average response values assessed in QL's...



Fig 2: Representation of the aspects and average response values assessed in QL's...



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Fig 4: Representation of the aspects and average response values assessed in QL's...