

# "JONAH"

Ask any doctor or nurse, and they will likely have stories to tell about their experiences with a "Jonah." This term refers to a phenomenon where, for certain individuals, the workload during their shifts is significantly higher, and the severity of cases tends to be worse than their colleagues' calls.

If everyone's call has 20 admissions, and you're having 40 during your shift, and this pattern persists every time you're on-call, you're considered a "Jonah."



While some medical workers believe in the concept of a "Jonah," others do not. Most start off their career as non-believers, dismissing it as superstitious or nonsense. However, for those who do believe in it, their behaviors change accordingly.



They may wish someone to have a "cool" night shift and avoid asking certain questions like "why is the ward so empty?" They may also avoid wearing red or bright-colored clothes, certain scrubs or tudung, or even specific underwear that they deem "Jonah-inducing." Some may even go as far as swapping shifts with colleagues to avoid working with certain medical officers who they believe are "Jonah."

Based on the passage, mark the correct statement with (✓).

1) Medical workers who believe in the concept of a "Jonah" may swap shifts with colleagues to avoid working with certain medical officers who they believe are "Jonah."



2) The "Jonah" concept is widely accepted in the medical community and is supported by scientific evidence.



3) Medical workers who start off their career as non-believers of the "Jonah" concept never change their behaviors even if they start to believe in it.

4) Medical workers who believe in the "Jonah" concept may avoid wearing certain clothing or underwear to avoid bad luck.



5) The severity of cases during a "Jonah's" shift is always worse than their colleagues' calls.

6) Medical workers who believe in the concept of a "Jonah" ask questions like "why is the ward so empty?" to avoid bad luck.



7) The term "Jonah" refers to individuals who have a higher workload and worse cases during their shifts.