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In the realm of employee engagement, this study explores the significant impact of employee engagement on job satisfaction, particularly in the context of delivering quality service in government healthcare centers in Sri Lanka. As we inhabit a service-driven global economy, the service sector has experienced exponential growth, surpassing manufacturing in recent decades.

"Job engagement refers to the level of emotional connection, dedication, and enthusiasm an employee feels toward their work and their organization" is how **job engagement** is defined. Defining the **job** satisfaction is a measure of an individual's contentment, fulfillment, and overall happiness derived from their work and work-related experiences. In this study focusing on job engagement and job satisfaction within healthcare centers, the SERVIQUAL instrument is utilized to assess the functional aspect of service quality offered by the respective institution. Within service-oriented settings like healthcare, the overall work experience is significantly influenced by employee engagement. Employees who demonstrate high levels of engagement tend to exhibit enhanced team and individual performance, contributing to overall productivity and service quality. Moreover, customer satisfaction, a key metric in service industries, is influenced by various factors including employees' job engagement and satisfaction. It represents a subjective evaluation of consumers' experiences and perceptions, heavily influenced by their expectations.

According to institutional records, there has been a noticeable uptick in customer complaints within certain units of the outpatient department in healthcare centers. This rise in complaints is concerning as it may indicate a failure in maintaining service quality, potentially leading to a decline in customer satisfaction and retention. It's imperative to investigate whether these increased complaint rates are linked to employee behaviors that breach service quality standards. If such negative impacts on service quality are identified, corrective measures should be promptly implemented to mitigate any adverse effects on customer satisfaction.

Descriptive regression analysis was done. Close ended questionnaire distributed among 204 employees of 12 medical centers including base hospitals, divisional hospitals, amcu, pmcu's on convenience sampling basis of the subjective institute.

Research findings emphasize that various factors, including physical, emotional, and cognitive elements of job engagement, as well as intrinsic and extrinsic factors of job satisfaction, significantly influence job satisfaction within primary healthcare institutes.

These limitations highlight the importance of future research efforts aimed at addressing these constraints. Utilizing diverse methodologies or longitudinal approaches could provide deeper insights into the complex relationship between employee job engagement and both intrinsic and extrinsic job satisfaction across a range of organizational settings.