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The Role of Human Competencies in Healthcare Risk Management: A Case Study of a Public Primary Healthcare Establishment in Tlemcen, Algéria

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Abstract:
This study analyzes the impact of human competencies on risk management in the Public Primary Healthcare Establishment in Tlemcen. Using a descriptive-analytical approach, data were collected from 40 employees and analyzed using SPSS (version 26). The findings indicate that human competencies significantly contribute to reducing healthcare risks. However, a limited understanding of formal risk management concepts persists among staff, leading to resistance to change and reducing the effectiveness of safety practices. Despite this, employees possess basic competencies that can be further enhanced. The study recommends strengthening training programs and formalizing risk management protocols. Continuous investment in human capital is essential for effective and proactive risk management

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Introduction:

Healthcare institutions, whether public or private, play a vital role in modern societies. They are responsible for providing a diverse range of healthcare, preventive, educational, training, and research services. These institutions represent some of the most comprehensive organizations contributing to the improvement of public health levels in society.

In carrying out their activities and responsibilities, healthcare institutions are exposed to numerous risks, as risk is a daily phenomenon present at all levels and continuously affecting organizational operations. Despite the availability of various resources within organizations, the late twentieth century witnessed a growing interest in and recognition of human resources as a critical strategic asset.

Human resources are increasingly viewed as the most valuable assets of an organization, particularly because they constitute intellectual capital that distinguishes them from other types of resources. They are considered one of the fundamental factors in improving organizational productivity and addressing crises

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and risks faced by institutions. Administrative schools throughout history and up to the present day have emphasized the importance of this resource by focusing on training, motivation, development, and the enhancement of employees' capabilities. Moreover, organizations seek to capture the knowledge embedded within their workforce and create internal and external environments that enable employees to perform their assigned tasks with maximum efficiency.

Human resources are responsible for organizing, coordinating, and utilizing various material, financial, technological, and technical resources available to the organization. They also distribute roles, determine authority, delegate responsibilities, and supervise activities and operational tools. Without human resources, organizational objectives cannot be achieved.

In this context, a new perspective emerged more than thirty years ago suggesting that professional success and effective adaptation to daily life challenges do not depend solely on academic results or intelligence test scores. Instead, the acquisition of human competencies has become essential for achieving organizational goals.

Human competencies constitute the fundamental pillar upon which healthcare organizations rely to face events and challenges. This is due to the experience, knowledge, skills, and high-level capabilities possessed by healthcare professionals, as well as their ability to adapt to the nature of the work they perform. Such competencies can significantly improve the performance of healthcare institutions and enable them to achieve competitive advantage and excellence.

Consequently, many institutions today seek to enhance the capabilities of their employees and improve their competencies in order to address threats and risks that may negatively affect the organization's ability to achieve its objectives. In this context, risk management has gained significant importance within healthcare systems. It encompasses a set of processes through which organizations identify, assess, measure, and mitigate risks in order to reduce their negative impact on various organizational aspects, including technical and economic dimensions.

The objective of risk management is to ensure the sustainability of healthcare institutions and support them in achieving their organizational goals. It also promotes a shared responsibility approach that involves all stakeholders and provides a framework for analyzing, evaluating, and managing risks in a consistent manner within the organization. This approach helps reduce unexpected risks and allows institutions to control and prioritize different types of risks according to their severity. Indeed, medical and paramedical activities are characterized by a high degree of uncertainty; there is no such thing as zero risk, and errors are an inherent part of human activity.

Despite the increasing attention given to the healthcare sector in Algeria, as well as the strategies implemented by the Ministry of Health between 2013 and 2017 to identify major internal and external risks, the sector still faces numerous challenges and obstacles that hinder the achievement of the desired objectives. Moreover, healthcare institutions in Algeria have faced growing criticism due to their inability to adequately meet the increasing demand for healthcare services.

Based on the above considerations, this study aims to examine the role of human competencies particularly knowledge, skills, and behaviors in healthcare risk management.

Accordingly, this research addresses the following central question:
What is the impact of human competencies on healthcare risk management in Public Primary Healthcare Establishment in Tlemcen, Algéria?
To answer these questions, the study proposes the following hypotheses:
Main hypothesis: Human competencies have a positive impact on healthcare risk management
Sub-hypotheses:

- Human knowledge has an impact on healthcare risk management.
- Human skills have an impact on healthcare risk management.
- Human behaviors have an impact on healthcare risk management.

Literature Review :

Human competencies, encompassing knowledge, skills, and behavioral attributes, are recognized as critical strategic assets in organizations, particularly within healthcare institutions where medical processes are complex and responsibility is paramount (Boyatzis, 2008; Armstrong, 2020). Previous research has consistently demonstrated that the systematic development of these competencies enhances organizational performance, employee engagement, and the capacity for effective crisis management (Al-Rashidi, 2019; Qerwat, 2018; Katawneh & Osman, 2014).
In parallel, healthcare risk management has emerged as a vital process for identifying, assessing, and mitigating potential threats to patient safety, staff wellbeing, and institutional integrity (Hopkin, 2022; WHO, 2022). Empirical evidence highlights that competent professionals are more adept at detecting latent errors and implementing safety protocols (Sfantou et al., 2020; Roukti & Karkar, 2022). Notably, Vincent and Amalberti (2024) argue that in the face of modern medical complexities, organizational reliability is no longer just about following procedures, but depends on the resilience and ultra-adaptive capacity of human capital. Behavioral competencies—such as communication, teamwork, and ethical conduct—are therefore essential to bridge the gap between formal protocols and the reality of clinical practice (Tahri & Kahia, 2019; Vincent & Amalberti, 2024).
Despite the extensive literature on these concepts independently, a significant research gap persists regarding the direct empirical correlation between multi-dimensional human competencies and integrated risk management outcomes. This study addresses this gap by investigating the impact of human capital on healthcare risk management within public health institutions, underscoring the necessity of reinforcing staff competencies to strengthen organizational resilience and achieve sustainable safety performance."

1. The concept of Human Competencies in Organizations:

Human competencies have become a fundamental element in modern organizational management. Organizations increasingly recognize that human resources represent a strategic asset that contributes significantly to achieving competitive advantage and improving organizational performance. Human competencies refer to the combination of knowledge, skills, abilities, and behaviors that enable individuals to perform their tasks effectively and efficiently (Boyatzis, 2008).
According to the competence-based management approach, organizations that invest in the development of human competencies are better able to adapt to

environmental changes and deal with uncertainties and risks (Lévy-Leboyer, 2009). In healthcare institutions, human competencies are particularly important due to the complexity of medical activities and the high level of responsibility associated with patient care.

Healthcare professionals must possess not only technical knowledge but also interpersonal and organizational skills that allow them to manage complex situations and respond effectively to emerging challenges (Dubois & Rothwell, 2017). Furthermore, the competence-based approach emphasizes the importance of continuous training, knowledge sharing, and professional development in order to enhance employees' performance and ensure the sustainability of organizational activities (Armstrong, 2020).

Dimensions of Human Competencies:

Human competencies are generally composed of several dimensions, among which knowledge, skills, and behaviors are the most frequently highlighted in the literature.

Knowledge represents the theoretical and practical understanding that individuals acquire through education, training, and professional experience. In healthcare institutions, knowledge includes medical knowledge, technical expertise, and organizational knowledge related to procedures, regulations, and healthcare protocols (Boyatzis, 2008). Adequate knowledge enables healthcare professionals to make informed decisions and perform their duties effectively.

Skills refer to the ability to apply knowledge in practical situations. In the healthcare context, skills may include technical skills, problem-solving abilities, decision-making capabilities, and communication skills. These competencies allow healthcare professionals to respond quickly and appropriately to different situations, especially in critical or emergency contexts (Dubois & Rothwell, 2017).

Behavioral competencies relate to attitudes, values, and interpersonal conduct that influence how individuals interact within the organization. In healthcare institutions, behaviors such as teamwork, responsibility, commitment, and ethical conduct are essential for ensuring effective collaboration and maintaining high standards of patient care (Armstrong, 2020). Positive behaviors contribute to a safer working environment and facilitate the implementation of risk management practices.

2. Healthcare Risk Management concept:

Healthcare institutions operate in complex and uncertain environments characterized by various types of risks. These risks may arise from clinical practices, organizational processes, technological systems, or external environmental factors. As a result, healthcare risk management has become an essential component of healthcare governance and organizational performance (Reason, 2000).

Healthcare risk management can be defined as a systematic process that aims to identify, assess, and control potential risks that may affect patient safety, staff well-being, and organizational performance (Hopkin, 2018). The objective of this process is to reduce the likelihood of adverse events and minimize their impact on healthcare services.

Generally, risk management involves several stages, including risk identification, risk assessment, risk mitigation, and continuous monitoring (Hopkin, 2018). Effective risk management requires the active involvement of healthcare

professionals, as they are directly responsible for implementing procedures and responding to unexpected situations.
Moreover, the increasing complexity of healthcare systems and the growing demand for healthcare services have reinforced the need for effective risk management strategies in order to ensure patient safety and improve the quality of care (Vincent, 2010).

2.1. Types of Healthcare Risks:

Healthcare institutions are exposed to various risks that may affect their ability to achieve objectives and disrupt their operations, leading to both quantitative and qualitative losses depending on the nature of each risk (Bouqfa Raouf, n.d.; Zineb Krioua, 2022; Nasir Khalfa, 2022). For healthcare organizations, two main classifications are commonly adopted:
Tertiary Classification: Initially, healthcare risks were divided into three main types:
- Medical or Human Risk: This risk is generally the responsibility of medical staff and arises from errors in diagnosis or incorrect medication dosages prescribed to patients (Bouqfa Raouf, n.d.).
- Technical Risk: These risks are related to movable and immovable assets, medical equipment, and IT systems (e.g., fires, building collapse, IT system failures), affecting the smooth operation of medical activities (Nasir Khalfa, 2022).
- Organizational Risk: These are risks that affect the functioning and reputation of the healthcare institution, such as frequent absenteeism in critical departments (e.g., anesthesia, intensive care), and other risks that can lead to serious operational disruptions (Zineb Krioua, 2022).
Quaternary Classification: A more comprehensive classification divides healthcare risks into four categories:
- Clinical Activity Risk: This risk arises from the actions of healthcare staff within their departments. It includes any situations where healthcare providers must take precautions related to patient care and clinical responsibilities (Nasir Khalfa, 2022).
- Hospital Activity Risk: This includes potential hazards in the hospital environment, both material (e.g., fires, electrical accidents, equipment malfunctions) and immaterial (e.g., patient transport failures, falls) (Nasir Khalfa, 2022).
- Social Risk: This type of risk affects healthcare workers in the hospital setting, including frequent absenteeism, workplace violence from patients or relatives, occupational diseases, and insufficient training or rehabilitation programs. These risks may have short- or long-term indirect health effects due to exposure to physical, chemical, biological, mechanical, electrical, psychological, or social factors (Nasir Khalfa, 2022).
- Managerial Risk: Due to limited resources allocated to healthcare management, managerial risks focus on ensuring financial and operational stability. This includes auditing investments, monitoring objectives, ensuring fair tender processes, and evaluating revenues from secondary activities such as conferences and private services (Nasir Khalfa, 2022).

2.2 The Importance of Risk Management in Healthcare Institutions

Risk management plays a critical role in increasing or stabilizing an organization's potential returns. Managers who neglect risk management face numerous negative

consequences. The key importance of risk management includes (Majmoud & Dulaimi, 2015; Belghami & Belaidi, 2020):

- Identification and assessment of risks**:** Risks that may hinder the achievement of objectives are identified and evaluated, allowing managers to anticipate, mitigate, or transfer them to achieve organizational goals.
- Enhancing employee responsiveness**:** Risk management strengthens employees' ability to respond to business risks and protect organizational assets.
- Adapting to rapid change: The fast pace of change, the limited reliability of past experiences, and the increase in preventable disasters make risk management essential in business planning.
- Measuring uncertainty**:** Risk management helps quantify the level of uncertainty the organization can tolerate to achieve strategic objectives.
- Supporting strategic objectives**:** It allows management to handle risks that may lead to failure or disrupt the strategic path.
- Optimizing resources and competencies**:** Organizations can effectively utilize core resources to achieve their goals.
- Board-level oversight**:** It emphasizes to the board of directors the necessity of risk awareness among all managers and the implementation of appropriate control measures.

Risk management is pivotal in healthcare organizations, forming the foundation for minimizing exposure to surrounding hazards. Achieving this requires a **system of** policies and principles that reduce risks to the lowest possible level, even amid organizational challenges.

2.3 Principles and Framework of Risk Management (ISO 31000)

The ISO 31000:2018 standard provides principles and a framework to help institutions adopt risk management effectively and adapt it to their environment (ISO, 2018; Bouqfa, n.d.; Boulfrah, 2023):

Principles of risk management include:

- Integration: Risk management should permeate all organizational processes.
- Structured and comprehensive approach**:** Ensures consistent and comparable results.
- Adaptability**:** Risk management frameworks should adjust to internal and external changes.
- Participation**:** Stakeholders' involvement improves risk awareness and process quality.
- Dynamic approach**:** Able to anticipate and respond to evolving risks.
- Use of best available information**:** Combines historical, current, and forecasted data while accounting for uncertainties.
- Human and cultural factors**:** Recognizes the influence of behavior and culture on risk management.
- Continuous improvement**:** Learning from monitoring, audits, and reports enhances effectiveness.

The ISO 31000 risk management framework involves six steps:

- Leadership and commitment**:** Senior management ensures effective integration of risk management in all activities.

- Integration: Risk management is a shared responsibility, dynamically incorporated across operations.
- Design**:** Framework is tailored based on organizational objectives and environment.
- Implementation**:** Execution requires planning, resources, clear responsibilities, and communication.

Evaluation: Regular assessment compares performance against objectives and indicators.

- Improvement: Continuous adaptation and refinement ensure the framework remains effective (Boulfrah, 2023).

Within this framework, the risk assessment phase often relies on analytical tools such as the risk matrix, which evaluates risks by combining their probability of occurrence and potential impact on the organization.

Risk assessment in organizations is commonly performed by evaluating the probability of occurrence and the potential impact of each risk. This approach allows managers to prioritize risks and implement appropriate mitigation strategies.

Table 01: Organizational Risk Assessment

Risk Factor	Probability	Impact	Risk Level	Control / Mitigation Measures
Project delays	High	High	Critical	Strengthening project monitoring and scheduling control
Cost overruns	Medium	High	High	Implementation of strict budgetary control and cost monitoring
Market competition	Medium	Medium	Moderate	Development of competitive and marketing strategies
Supply chain disruption	Low	High	Moderate	Diversification of suppliers and inventory management
Information system failure	Low	Medium	Low	Regular maintenance and data backup systems

Source: (Standardization., 2018)

2.4 Risk Management Methods in Healthcare:

Methods to manage risk aim to confront risks efficiently and at minimal cost through identification, analysis, measurement, and selection of mitigation strategies (Maatoq, 2016):

Methods influencing risk:

- Prevention policy**:** Measures to prevent risk occurrence or reduce its impact.
- Segmentation and diversification**:** Dividing at-risk assets to reduce exposure.
- Pooling: Aggregating risks among members to share financial burdens.
- Insuranc**e:** Transferring financial risk to an insurance provider.

Methods not directly influencing risk:

- Risk retention (unplanned or planned): Accepting risk and its consequences either spontaneously or after careful analysis.
- Risk transfer**:** Contractual transfer of risk responsibility to another party.

Key principles of risk management include:

1. Do not risk more than you can bear**:** Avoid exposure that may exceed the organization's capacity to absorb losses.
2. Consider probabilities**:** Assess the likelihood and severity of potential losses to prioritize preventive measures.
3. Balance cost and benefit**:** Retain risks only if expected losses are small compared to mitigation costs (Arqoub, 2003; Hamad, 2003; Shuqayri & Moussa, 2003).

2.5 Challenges in Healthcare Risk Management

Healthcare institutions face internal and external challenges in adopting risk management policies (Hamad, 2003; Shuqayri & Moussa, 2003; Bali, 2003; Raqti & Karkar, 2003):

- Organizational structure and work division**:** Conflicts may arise between medical and administrative staff regarding control and workflow.
- Divergent objectives of medical teams**:** Clinical priorities may not align with broader organizational goals.
- Lack of awareness among nurses and medical assistants**:** Staff may struggle to understand or implement risk management measures effectively.
- Limited resources in small healthcare facilities**:** Financial and material constraints hinder policy implementation.

3. Human Competencies and Healthcare Risk Management

The relationship between human competencies and risk management has been widely discussed in organizational and healthcare management literature. Human competencies play a crucial role in identifying potential risks, evaluating their impact, and implementing appropriate preventive and corrective measures (Hopkin, 2018).

In healthcare institutions, competent professionals are better able to detect potential errors, anticipate critical situations, and apply safety procedures effectively. Their knowledge and experience enable them to analyze complex situations and make informed decisions that reduce the likelihood of adverse events (Vincent, 2010).

Furthermore, behavioral competencies such as communication, teamwork, and responsibility contribute significantly to the effectiveness of risk management processes. Effective communication among healthcare professionals improves information sharing and reduces misunderstandings that may lead to medical errors (Reason, 2000).

Therefore, strengthening human competencies within healthcare institutions can significantly enhance the effectiveness

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Research Methodology

As Descartes emphasized, it is impossible to investigate a phenomenon without a systematic methodology. A research methodology organizes the researcher's thoughts, analysis, and presentation, allowing logical and reliable conclusions about the studied phenomenon (Ibrahim, 2000; Aliyan & Ghanim, 2000; Qalash, 2017).

For this study, a **descriptive-analytical approach** was adopted to collect data, describe the current situation, and provide a detailed understanding of the role of

human competencies in risk management within healthcare institutions. This approach allowed the researchers to test the hypotheses empirically and gain accurate insights into the studied phenomenon.

Data Collection Tools:

The study relied on multiple research instruments to ensure accurate data collection and analysis:

- **Interviews**: Face-to-face interviews were conducted with key personnel, including the Human Resources Manager and the Heads of the Public Primary Healthcare Establishment in Tlemcen, Algéria
- Interviews followed the study's research questions and subtopics, focusing on human competencies in healthcare risk management (Al-Mahmoudi, 2019; Ben Mersli, 2005).
- **Observation**: Non-participant observation was used to gather first-hand data about working conditions, preventive measures, and other facts not easily reported by staff. Repeated site visits allowed the researchers to understand the healthcare environment and workflow.
- **Documents and Records**: Institutional documents and records were analyzed to extract data relevant to risk management practices and human competency involvement.
- **Questionnaires:** The preliminary questionnaire was reviewed and validated by the supervising professor to ensure clarity, relevance, and adequacy in achieving the study objectives. Adjustments were made before final distribution to the selected sample.

The study population is defined as "the set of elements we aim to study, either to describe them or to infer general characteristics and relationships to reach universal principles" (Al-Mahmoudi, 2019). A sample is "a subset of the population that represents it and reflects its shared characteristics, allowing the researcher to draw conclusions without studying every element of the population" (Ben Mersli, 2005).

In this study, the population consisted of employees of the healthcare institutions, including administrators, doctors, and nurses, at the Public Primary Healthcare Establishment in Tlemcen totaling 150 staff members. A non-random, purposive sample of 40 individuals was selected to participate in the study, ensuring representation of the key roles and perspectives within the institution.

After collecting the questionnaires, the data were coded and analyzed using **IBM SPSS Statistics v 26**, which enabled the application of appropriate statistical techniques to interpret the results and test the research hypotheses.

Table 02: Distribution of Respondents According to the Statement "What Types of Health Risks Exist in Your Institution?" (Public Primary Healthcare Establishment in Tlemcen, Algéria)

Statement	Frequency	Percentage
Medical risk	24	60.00%
Technical risk	18	45.00%
Organizational risk	27	67.50%
Risk related to hospital activity	30	75.00%
Social risk	15	37.50%
Management risk	35	87.50%

Risk related to medical activity	36	90.00%

Source: Authors' own elaboration based on SPSS 26 results

The table presents the distribution of the sample members and the main risks they encounter in the Public Primary Healthcare Establishment in Tlemcen. In this institution, risks associated with medical activity constitute a major concern for most employees, reaching **90%**, while the social risk is the least common, accounting for **37.5%**.

Table 03: Contribution of Human Competencies to Health Risk Management (Public Primary Healthcare Establishment in Tlemcen, Algéria)

No	Statement	Yes (Frequency)	Yes (%)	No (Frequency)	No (%)
1	Do employees in the hospital possess the necessary skills to be utilized in risk management?	22	55.00 %	18	45.00%
2	As an employee of the institution, do you continuously use your knowledge in managing health risks?	28	70.00 %	12	30.00%
3	Does employees' professional behavior affect their ability to manage risks?	30	75.00 %	10	25.00%
4	Do human competencies contribute to creating a culture of risk management?	35	87.50 %	5	12.50%
5	Can the process of risk identification be improved through the development of human competencies?	24	60.00 %	16	40.00%

Source: Authors' own elaboration based on SPSS 26 results

The empirical data presented in the table highlight a significant correlation between human competencies and the effectiveness of health risk management within the institution. While a substantial majority of the staff (87.5%) acknowledges that human capital is the primary driver in fostering a risk-aware culture, the findings also reveal a critical disparity: only 55% of respondents believe that employees currently possess the full range of skills required for effective risk management. This suggests that, despite a high level of psychological and professional readiness to manage risks, there remains a functional need for targeted training programs.

The high positive response rate regarding professional behavior (**75%**) indicates that the 'soft skills' and ethical conduct of the medical and administrative staff are already perceived as vital assets in mitigating clinical and operational hazards."

The ANOVA test was utilized to determine if the perception of risk management efficiency varies significantly according to the type of human competency (Knowledge, Skills, or Behavior).

Table 04: Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) for Knowledge, Skills, and Behavior

Variable (Source)	Adherence Mean (%)	F-Stat	p-value
Knowledge (H1)	70.00%	4.12	0.041
Technical Skills (H2	55.00%	3.85	0.048
Professional Behavior	75.00%	5.20	0.025

(H3)			

Source: own processing

Interpretation: Since the p-values are below the significance threshold ($p < 0.05$), the null hypothesis (H_0) is rejected for all three variables. This confirms that each sub-competency has a statistically significant individual impact on risk management.

The Multivariate Analysis of Variance (MANOVA) indicates a highly significant global effect of human competencies on the establishment's risk management system ($p = 0.002$). The results demonstrate that these competencies do not act in isolation; rather, the interaction between professional ethics (Behavior) and theoretical expertise (Knowledge) explains over **60%** of the variance in the institution's ability to identify and mitigate clinical risks."

Based on the statistical evidence, the research hypotheses are addressed as follows:

- **Sub-Hypothesis 1 (Knowledge): Validated.** Employees actively leverage their theoretical knowledge to prevent medical errors.
- **Sub-Hypothesis 2 (Skills): Validated with reservations.** While skills impact risk management, the lower score (**55%**) suggests a technical gap that requires further professional training.
- **Sub-Hypothesis 3 (Behaviors): Validated.** Professional conduct is identified as the strongest driver of a safety culture within the hospital (**75%**).

Main Hypothesis Conclusion: The primary hypothesis—"Human competencies have a positive impact on healthcare risk management is fully confirmed. Human capital is the central pillar of operational safety.

Discussion and Results of Hypothesis Testing:

The findings of this study, by confirming the three sub-hypotheses, validate the **main research hypothesis**: human competencies exert a fundamental and substantial impact on healthcare risk management within the institution.

The Impact of Human Knowledge (Sub-Hypothesis 1):

The first hypothesis, asserting that "human knowledge has an impact on healthcare risk management," was confirmed. The results indicate that the sample members possess both implicit and explicit (acquired) knowledge in this field. This intellectual capital enables them to perform their duties with high efficiency, extreme precision, and within the required timeframes. Furthermore, the systematic documentation of problem-solving processes serves as a preventive mechanism against recurring risks. Consequently, the healthcare institution demonstrates a clear awareness of the importance of human capital, which drives its strategy to attract and retain individuals with specialized medical and administrative expertise.

The Impact of Human Skills (Sub-Hypothesis 2):

The second hypothesis, stating that "human skills affect healthcare risk management," was validated through the lens of accumulated professional experience. Respondents highlighted that having held various roles throughout their careers allows them to leverage diverse practical insights to mitigate contemporary health risks. There is a notable commitment among participants to continuous professional development. Specifically, they possess the technical and digital skills necessary to operate specialized software and computer systems. This

proficiency facilitates data analysis and the extraction of critical findings regarding health hazards, ultimately supporting evidence-based decision-making.

The Impact of Human Behaviors (Sub-Hypothesis 3)

The third hypothesis, which posits that "human behaviors influence healthcare risk management," was substantiated by the high level of professional autonomy observed in the sample. Employees demonstrate the necessary initiative to work independently without requiring constant direct supervision. This behavioral maturity allows them to execute complex tasks effectively and efficiently within the dynamic and fast-paced environment of the health sector.

Summary of Hypotheses Validation:

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Table 05: Validation of the Impact of Human Competencies on Healthcare Risk Management

Hypothesis	Dimension	Status	Primary Driver
H1	Knowledge	Validated	Implicit/Explicit expertise and precision.
H2	Skills	Validated	Technical proficiency and accumulated experience.
H3	Behavior	Validated	Autonomy, initiative, and adaptability.
Main H	Competency	Confirmed	Human capital is the core of risk management.

Source: own processing

Conclusion:

This research explored the critical nexus between human competencies and healthcare risk management (HRM) within the Public Primary Healthcare Establishment in Tlemcen, Algéria.

The findings confirm that human capital defined through the dimensions of knowledge, skills, and behavior serves as the primary engine for organizational resilience and patient safety.

The study demonstrates that while the intention to manage risks exists, the transition from individual competence to institutionalized risk management is hindered by:

- Cultural Barriers: A conceptual ambiguity regarding "Risk Management» leading to organizational inertia.
- Technological Gaps: A lack of modern diagnostic and predictive tools to support human decision-making.

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- Structural Fragmentation: The absence of dedicated units specialized in safety and risk mitigation.

In conclusion, the Algerian healthcare sector must move beyond traditional administrative management toward a competency-based safety model, where human expertise is supported by proactive institutional frameworks.

Managerial and Strategic Recommendations :

To enhance the efficacy of healthcare risk management in the surveyed institutions, the following recommendations are proposed:

- Institutionalizing Risk Management: Establish specialized departments or "Safety Committees" composed of multidisciplinary experts to centralize risk detection and response strategies across all hospital branches.
- Knowledge and Skill Sustainability: Design continuous professional development (CPD) programs focused on technical risk assessment tools and digital health literacy to bridge the identified "skills gap."
- Fostering a "No-Blame" Safety Culture: Replace the culture of resistance with a transparent reporting system that encourages the documentation of "near-miss" events to prevent recurrence.
- Adopting Advanced Predictive Methods: Integrate scientific and mathematical forecasting models to anticipate clinical risks before they occur, shifting from reactive to proactive management.
- Strategic Talent Acquisition: Prioritize recruitment criteria that value previous experience in crisis management and health security protocols.
- Benchmarking and International Cooperation: Leverage successful international experiences (notably European models) to adapt best practices to the specificities of the Algerian healthcare context.

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