

Call for Papers or Proposals
EMOTION IN HEALTH COMMUNICATION

Review of Communication Research invites the submission of literature reviews and meta-analyses that focus on the role played by emotion in health communication.

Emotions are an integral facet of the human experience: Their influence is felt in everything we do, from determining our individual preferences and connecting with others to making everyday decisions about the actions we take. As complex states that implicate a host of “perceptual, cognitive, physiological, and motivational systems,” emotions can facilitate or impeded health-related behaviors (Dillard & Nabi, 2006, p. 132). Indeed, emotions such as anger, fear, guilt, hope, disgust, surprise, joy, and sadness have been shown to influence risk assessment and subsequent decision-making in a variety of contexts, including smoking, physical activity, vaccination, dietary behaviour, sleep deprivation, end-of-life care, and risky sexual practices.

In the past few decades, researchers have made great empirical and theoretical strides in gaining a better understanding of the role played by emotions in health communication, however, individual studies remain scattered across various disciplines, often using different terms for the same essential concepts. Although this reality makes it more difficult to identify crucial research strands, it also provides abundant opportunities to develop and extend the ways we think about emotion in health communication through systematic reviews and meta-analyses. To make significant advances in this area, we invite submissions that review and reflect (systematic reviews, narrative literature reviews, state-of-the-literature reviews, and meta-analyses) on the accumulated knowledge on the topic of emotion in health communication.

Possible areas and issues to be covered:

- Anticipated emotions in health
- Emotion-focused interventions
- Emotional support
- Emotion and well-being
- Emotion and health misinformation
- Emotion and health technologies
- Management and regulation of emotions
- Emotion and information-seeking/avoidance
- Emotion appraisals regarding risk
- The eliciting circumstances of each emotion
- Universals and cultural differences in the experience of emotions
- Methodological questions in the study of emotion in health communication
- Underlying mechanisms of emotional influence

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The manuscript submission deadline is **May 10th, 2021**.

Authors should submit their manuscripts through the RCR editorial management system: www.rcommunicationr.org.

Paper proposals, questions, and comments should be addressed to [Nathan Walter](mailto:nathan.walter@northwestern.edu) (nathan.walter@northwestern.edu) cc to editor@rcommunicationr.org.

About the Journal:

Review of Communication Research (www.rcommunicationr.org) is an internationally respected open-access journal that specializes in publishing high-quality literature reviews and meta-analyses for the field of Communication. The comprehensive critical reviews that we publish summarize the latest advances in the field, but also root out errors and provoke intellectual discussions among scholars.

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We are looking forward to receiving your manuscripts or proposals.