

Call for Submissions

What can we learn from examining risk discussions in real clinical encounters?

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We are looking for submissions to a special section of Patient Education and Counseling (PEC), focusing on "Risk and Interaction in Medical Settings." This section aims to explore the complexities of risk communication in medical interaction and the role it plays in patient outcomes.

We invite submissions that provide insights into how risk is assessed, explained, planned for, and navigated, particularly focusing on the interactional dynamics of shared decision-making in diverse medical contexts.

Key dimensions for exploration include, but are not limited to, **Time and Sequence; Agency and Complexity; Joint Risk Perception; Decision Making as a Social Action; Risk and Institution; Emotion; Alignment and Repair.**

Contributions should address one or more of these dimensions and ground their analysis of risk in records of actual clinical interaction through conversation analysis and related approaches in ethnomethodology, discursive psychology, and membership categorization analysis.

We particularly welcome contributions from the global south.

Submissions should adhere to the PEC guidelines for authors. Submissions will be judged on their direct link to the special section focus, the inclusion of practice implications and clarity.

Key dates

Submission Deadline: 15 June 2024

Notification date: 5 July 2024

Completed articles due: 15 November 2024

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Submission of Abstracts:

Your abstract of 500 words should be sent to the special section editors in the first instance by email: Maddie.Tremblett@uwe.ac.uk. Please include title, author names and affiliations. The special section editors will review all abstracts to ensure that proposed papers fit with the remit of this section.

If your abstract is accepted, a full article of no longer than 4,000 words (excluding abstract, acknowledgements, references, tables, figures, conflict of interest statements) should be submitted by 15 November 2024, though your publication remains subject to peer review. Authors should closely adhere to the [journal guidelines](#) about article types and the submission process.