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## List of Publications by Year in descending order

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#	ARTICLE	IF	CITATIONS
1	Taking Stock of Unrealistic Optimism. <i>Perspectives on Psychological Science</i> , 2013, 8, 395-411.	9.0	247
2	Health Literacy and Use and Trust in Health Information. <i>Journal of Health Communication</i> , 2018, 23, 724-734.	2.4	229
3	Differences in Rural and Urban Health Information Access and Use. <i>Journal of Rural Health</i> , 2019, 35, 405-417.	2.9	187
4	A Primer on Unrealistic Optimism. <i>Current Directions in Psychological Science</i> , 2015, 24, 232-237.	5.3	178
5	Formats for Improving Risk Communication in Medical Tradeoff Decisions. <i>Journal of Health Communication</i> , 2006, 11, 167-182.	2.4	144
6	Use of tamoxifen and raloxifene for breast cancer chemoprevention in 2010. <i>Breast Cancer Research and Treatment</i> , 2012, 134, 875-880.	2.5	139
7	Prevalence of Tamoxifen Use for Breast Cancer Chemoprevention Among U.S. Women. <i>Cancer Epidemiology Biomarkers and Prevention</i> , 2010, 19, 443-446.	2.5	120
8	Avoiding cancer risk information. <i>Social Science and Medicine</i> , 2015, 147, 113-120.	3.8	101
9	Perceptions of cancer as a death sentence: Prevalence and consequences. <i>Journal of Health Psychology</i> , 2014, 19, 1518-1524.	2.3	80
10	“Don’t Know” Responses to Risk Perception Measures. <i>Medical Decision Making</i> , 2013, 33, 271-281.	2.4	69
11	Reducing aversion to side effects in preventive medical treatment decisions.. <i>Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied</i> , 2007, 13, 11-21.	1.2	68
12	Public understanding of the illnesses caused by cigarette smoking. <i>Nicotine and Tobacco Research</i> , 2004, 6, 349-355.	2.6	65
13	Correlates of unrealistic risk beliefs in a nationally representative sample. <i>Journal of Behavioral Medicine</i> , 2011, 34, 225-235.	2.1	59
14	The importance of affectively-laden beliefs about health risks: the case of tobacco use and sun protection. <i>Journal of Behavioral Medicine</i> , 2014, 37, 11-21.	2.1	50
15	Explanations for side effect aversion in preventive medical treatment decisions.. <i>Health Psychology</i> , 2009, 28, 201-209.	1.6	49
16	Public Awareness of Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Tests: Findings from the 2013 U.S. Health Information National Trends Survey. <i>Journal of Cancer Education</i> , 2015, 30, 799-807.	1.3	49
17	My Lived Experiences Are More Important Than Your Probabilities. <i>Medical Decision Making</i> , 2015, 35, 1010-1022.	2.4	47
18	“I Don’t Know” My Cancer Risk. <i>Medical Decision Making</i> , 2015, 35, 436-445.	2.4	44

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19	What Is My Cancer Risk? How Internet-Based Cancer Risk Assessment Tools Communicate Individualized Risk Estimates to the Public: Content Analysis. <i>Journal of Medical Internet Research</i> , 2009, 11, e33.	4.3	44
20	Feeling good, feeling bad, and feeling at risk: a review of incidental affect's influence on likelihood estimates of health hazards and life events. <i>Journal of Risk Research</i> , 2008, 11, 569-595.	2.6	42
21	What is a good medical decision? A research agenda guided by perspectives from multiple stakeholders. <i>Journal of Behavioral Medicine</i> , 2017, 40, 52-68.	2.1	40
22	Measuring Cigarette Smoking Risk Perceptions. <i>Nicotine and Tobacco Research</i> , 2020, 22, 1937-1945.	2.6	40
23	Health Disparities in Awareness of Physical Activity and Cancer Prevention: Findings from the National Cancer Institute's 2007 Health Information National Trends Survey (HINTS). <i>Journal of Health Communication</i> , 2010, 15, 60-77.	2.4	37
24	Aversion to side effects in preventive medical treatment decisions. <i>British Journal of Health Psychology</i> , 2007, 12, 383-401.	3.5	35
25	“I don't know” My Cancer Risk: Implications for Health Behavior Engagement. <i>Annals of Behavioral Medicine</i> , 2016, 50, 784-788.	2.9	35
26	Using the Short Graph Literacy Scale to Predict Precursors of Health Behavior Change. <i>Medical Decision Making</i> , 2019, 39, 183-195.	2.4	35
27	Worry About Cancer Progression and Low Perceived Social Support: Implications for Quality of Life Among Early-Stage Breast Cancer Patients. <i>Annals of Behavioral Medicine</i> , 2013, 45, 57-68.	2.9	34
28	Reactions to FDA-Proposed Graphic Warning Labels Affixed to U.S. Smokers' Cigarette Packs. <i>Nicotine and Tobacco Research</i> , 2015, 17, 784-795.	2.6	32
29	Prevention is political: political party affiliation predicts perceived risk and prevention behaviors for COVID-19. <i>BMC Public Health</i> , 2022, 22, 298.	2.9	31
30	Multifactorial beliefs about the role of genetics and behavior in common health conditions: prevalence and associations with participant characteristics and engagement in health behaviors. <i>Genetics in Medicine</i> , 2014, 16, 913-921.	2.4	29
31	Education-based disparities in knowledge of novel health risks: The case of knowledge gaps in HIV risk perceptions. <i>British Journal of Health Psychology</i> , 2018, 23, 420-435.	3.5	29
32	Perceived Risk, Trust and Health-related Quality of Life Among Cancer Survivors. <i>Annals of Behavioral Medicine</i> , 2010, 39, 91-97.	2.9	28
33	Risk Estimates From an Online Risk Calculator Are More Believable and Recalled Better When Expressed as Integers. <i>Journal of Medical Internet Research</i> , 2011, 13, e54.	4.3	28
34	Low Health Literacy and Health Information Avoidance but Not Satisficing Help Explain “I Don't Know” Responses to Questions Assessing Perceived Risk. <i>Medical Decision Making</i> , 2018, 38, 1006-1017.	2.4	26
35	How Are Information Seeking, Scanning, and Processing Related to Beliefs About the Roles of Genetics and Behavior in Cancer Causation?. <i>Journal of Health Communication</i> , 2016, 21, 6-15.	2.4	23
36	Examining the Interrelations Among Objective and Subjective Health Literacy and Numeracy and Their Associations with Health Knowledge. <i>Journal of General Internal Medicine</i> , 2018, 33, 1945-1953.	2.6	20

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37	Cancer Prevention Information-Seeking Among Hispanic and Non-Hispanic Users of the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service: Trends in Telephone and LiveHelp Use. <i>Journal of Health Communication</i> , 2009, 14, 476-486.	2.4	18
38	Combining risk communication strategies to simultaneously convey the risks of four diseases associated with physical inactivity to socio-demographically diverse populations. <i>Journal of Behavioral Medicine</i> , 2018, 41, 318-332.	2.1	18
39	Essentialism and Exclusion: Racism in Cancer Risk Prediction Models. <i>Journal of the National Cancer Institute</i> , 2021, 113, 1620-1624.	6.3	18
40	“I don’t believe it.” Acceptance and skepticism of genetic health information among African-American and White smokers. <i>Social Science and Medicine</i> , 2017, 184, 153-160.	3.8	17
41	Causes and consequences of uncertainty about illness risk perceptions. <i>Journal of Health Psychology</i> , 2020, 25, 1030-1042.	2.3	17
42	Overcoming the Many Pitfalls of Communicating Risk. , 2016, , 265-277.		17
43	Translating Cancer Risk Prediction Models into Personalized Cancer Risk Assessment Tools: Stumbling Blocks and Strategies for Success. <i>Cancer Epidemiology Biomarkers and Prevention</i> , 2020, 29, 2389-2394.	2.5	16
44	Shared Decision Making and Effective Risk Communication in the High-Risk Patient With Operable Stage I Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer. <i>Annals of Thoracic Surgery</i> , 2016, 101, 2049-2052.	1.3	15
45	Adapting a self-affirmation intervention for use in a mobile application for smokers. <i>Journal of Behavioral Medicine</i> , 2019, 42, 1050-1061.	2.1	14
46	Side Effect Perceptions and Their Impact on Treatment Decisions in Women. <i>Medical Decision Making</i> , 2017, 37, 193-203.	2.4	13
47	Genetic counseling, genetic testing, and risk perceptions for breast and colorectal cancer: Results from the 2015 National Health Interview Survey. <i>Preventive Medicine</i> , 2019, 123, 12-19.	3.4	13
48	The Relationship Between Young Adult Smokers’ Beliefs About Nicotine Addiction and Smoking-Related Affect and Cognitions. <i>Journal of Cancer Education</i> , 2016, 31, 338-347.	1.3	12
49	Perceived Harms and Social Norms in the Use of Electronic Cigarettes and Smokeless Tobacco. <i>Journal of Health Communication</i> , 2017, 22, 497-505.	2.4	12
50	Don't know responses to cognitive and affective risk perception measures: Exploring prevalence and socio-demographic moderators. <i>British Journal of Health Psychology</i> , 2018, 23, 407-419.	3.5	12
51	Comparison of Performance Between a Short Categorized Lifestyle Exposure-based Colon Cancer Risk Prediction Tool and a Model Using Continuous Measures. <i>Cancer Prevention Research</i> , 2018, 11, 841-848.	1.5	12
52	Situating household management of children’s asthma in the context of social, economic, and environmental injustice. <i>Journal of Asthma</i> , 2022, 59, 70-78.	1.7	12
53	“Don’t know” responding and estimates of perceived risk: failing to provide a “don’t know” response systematically biases laypeople’s perceived risk estimates. <i>Health, Risk and Society</i> , 2020, 22, 69-85.	1.7	12
54	Risk Ladder, Table, or Bulleted List? Identifying Formats That Effectively Communicate Personalized Risk and Risk Reduction Information for Multiple Diseases. <i>Medical Decision Making</i> , 2021, 41, 74-88.	2.4	12

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55	Food and Drug Administration Evaluation and Cigarette Smoking Risk Perceptions. American Journal of Health Behavior, 2011, 35, 766-76.	1.4	11
56	Using an Internet-Based Breast Cancer Risk Assessment Tool to Improve Social-Cognitive Precursors of Physical Activity. Medical Decision Making, 2017, 37, 657-669.	2.4	11
57	Perceptions of the US National Tobacco Quitline Among Adolescents and Adults: A Qualitative Study, 2012-2013. Preventing Chronic Disease, 2015, 12, E131.	3.4	10
58	Agency beliefs are associated with lower health information avoidance. Health Education Journal, 2021, 80, 272-286.	1.2	10
59	Not Breathing Easy: "Disarticulated Homework" in Asthma Management. Medical Anthropology Quarterly, 2021, 35, 285-302.	1.4	10
60	Understanding the Cognitive and Affective Mechanisms that Underlie Proxy Risk Perceptions among Caregivers of Asthmatic Children. Medical Decision Making, 2018, 38, 562-572.	2.4	9
61	Limitations in American adults' awareness of and beliefs about alcohol as a risk factor for cancer. Preventive Medicine Reports, 2021, 23, 101433.	1.8	9
62	Perceived Risk and its Relationship to Health-Related Decisions and Behavior. , 2013, , .		9
63	How do embodied experiences of asthma influence caregiver conceptual models?. Social Science and Medicine, 2022, 294, 114706.	3.8	9
64	Dismissing "Don't Know" Responses to Perceived Risk Survey Items Threatens the Validity of Theoretical and Empirical Behavior-Change Research. Perspectives on Psychological Science, 2022, 17, 841-851.	9.0	8
65	Smokers' beliefs about the tobacco control potential of "a gene for smoking": a focus group study. BMC Public Health, 2014, 14, 1218.	2.9	7
66	Awareness of Health Outcomes Associated with Insufficient Physical Activity and Associations with Physical Activity Intentions and Behavior. Journal of Health Communication, 2018, 23, 634-642.	2.4	7
67	Specifying Future Behavior When Assessing Risk Perceptions: Implications for Measurement and Theory. Medical Decision Making, 2019, 39, 986-997.	2.4	7
68	Lay beliefs about risk: relation to risk behaviors and to probabilistic risk perceptions. Journal of Behavioral Medicine, 2019, 42, 1062-1072.	2.1	7
69	Cultural worldviews and perceived risk of colon cancer and diabetes. Health, Risk and Society, 2020, 22, 324-345.	1.7	7
70	Racial/Ethnic Differences in Prosocial Beliefs and Prevention Behavior During the COVID-19 Pandemic. Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities, 2022, 9, 1807-1817.	3.2	7
71	Development of a Cancer Risk Prediction Tool for Use in the UK Primary Care and Community Settings. Cancer Prevention Research, 2017, 10, 421-430.	1.5	6
72	Giving Voice to Black Men: Guidance for Increasing the Likelihood of Having a Usual Source of Care. American Journal of Men's Health, 2019, 13, 155798831985673.	1.6	6

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73	Participatory Design of a Personalized Genetic Risk Tool to Promote Behavioral Health. <i>Cancer Prevention Research</i> , 2020, 13, 583-592.	1.5	6
74	E-cigarettes: Who's using them and why?. <i>Journal of Family Practice</i> , 2016, 65, 390-7.	0.2	6
75	Concerns about unintended negative consequences of informing the public about multifactorial risks may be premature for young adult smokers. <i>British Journal of Health Psychology</i> , 2014, 19, 720-736.	3.5	5
76	Examining Interpretations of Graphic Cigarette Warning Labels Among U.S. Youth and Adults. <i>Journal of Health Communication</i> , 2016, 21, 855-867.	2.4	5
77	Spontaneous mental associations with the words "reside effect": Implications for informed and shared decision making. <i>Patient Education and Counseling</i> , 2017, 100, 1928-1933.	2.2	5
78	Psychometric properties and predictive validity of the PP-ACT. <i>Journal of Asthma</i> , 2023, 60, 174-184.	1.7	5
79	Towards emplaced understandings of risk: How caregivers of children with asthma identify and manage asthma-related risk across different places. <i>Health and Place</i> , 2022, 75, 102787.	3.3	5
80	How are multifactorial beliefs about the role of genetics and behavior in cancer causation associated with cancer risk cognitions and emotions in the US population?. <i>Psycho-Oncology</i> , 2018, 27, 640-647.	2.3	4
81	Physical activity: the relative associations with cognitive and affective risk beliefs. <i>Psychology and Health</i> , 2019, 34, 1294-1313.	2.2	4
82	Guidelines for Conducting Virtual Cognitive Interviews During a Pandemic. <i>Journal of Medical Internet Research</i> , 2021, 23, e25173.	4.3	4
83	Multifactorial causal beliefs and colorectal cancer screening: A structural equation modeling investigation. <i>Journal of Health Psychology</i> , 2022, 27, 2463-2477.	2.3	4
84	To what extent do Internet-based cancer risk assessment tools adhere to best practices in risk communication: A content analysis (Preprint). <i>Journal of Medical Internet Research</i> , 0, , .	4.3	4
85	Smokers'™ unprompted comments on cigarette additives during conversations about the genetic basis for nicotine addiction: a focus group study. <i>BMC Public Health</i> , 2018, 18, 495.	2.9	3
86	Using NCI-Designated Cancer Center Catchment-Area Data to Understand an Ignored but High-Need Constituent: People Uncertain or Avidant about Their Cancer Risk. <i>Cancer Epidemiology Biomarkers and Prevention</i> , 2019, 28, 1955-1957.	2.5	2
87	Examining strategies for addressing high levels of "I don't know"™ responding to risk perception questions for colorectal cancer and diabetes: an experimental investigation. <i>Psychology and Health</i> , 2020, 36, 1-17.	2.2	2
88	Race/Ethnicity, Nativity Status, and Patient Portal Access and Use. <i>Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved</i> , 2021, 32, 700-711.	0.8	2
89	Mental imagery-based self-regulation: Effects on physical activity behaviour and its cognitive and affective precursors over time. <i>British Journal of Health Psychology</i> , 2021, , .	3.5	2
90	Requests for Cancer Prevention Information: The Cancer Information Service (2002-2006). <i>Journal of Cancer Education</i> , 2010, 25, 16-22.	1.3	1

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91	Adherence of Internet-Based Cancer Risk Assessment Tools to Best Practices in Risk Communication: Content Analysis. <i>Journal of Medical Internet Research</i> , 2021, 23, e23318.	4.3	1
92	Erratum. <i>Perspectives on Psychological Science</i> , 2013, 8, 586-586.	9.0	0
93	Cognitive and Affective Responses to Mass-media Based Genetic Risk Information in a Socio-demographically Diverse Sample of Smokers. <i>Journal of Health Communication</i> , 2019, 24, 700-710.	2.4	0
94	Threat sensitivity is associated with the healthcare source used most often: doctor's office, emergency room, or none at all. <i>Heliyon</i> , 2019, 5, e01685.	3.2	0
95	Health Literacy, Education, and Internal Consistency of Psychological Scales. <i>Health Literacy Research and Practice</i> , 2021, 5, e245-e255.	0.9	0
96	Cancer Risk Communication and Comprehension. , 2006, , 1303-1309.		0
97	Examining commonsense epidemiology: The case of asthma. <i>Journal of Health Psychology</i> , 2021, , 135910532110649.	2.3	0