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We encourage submissions that address the following areas, among others:

- Stigma, self-stigma, and public attitudes toward chronic illness and their impact on health-seeking behavior and treatment adherence
- Affective and cognitive responses to chronic illness and their influence on mental health, coping, and selfmanagement
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- Cultural beliefs and illness representations and their role in health decision-making and patient-provider communication
- Health behaviors, help-seeking, and barriers to healthcare access
- Social support, community resources, and collective efficacy in fostering resilience and long-term wellbeing
- Trust in healthcare systems and institutions and its implications for patient satisfaction, compliance, and health outcomes
- Psychological effects of poverty, migration, conflict, and discrimination on health and well-being;
- Psychosocial resilience and coping mechanisms in diverse populations and their clinical and public health applications
- Integrating social psychological insights into healthcare policies and interventions

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