

Special Issue

Media Use and Health

Message from the Guest Editors

Globally, media have been used by various age groups to fulfill different needs such as stress relief, seeking and/giving information and social support, entertainment, and learning. The increasing exposure and usage of media have direct and indirect impacts on mental and physical health at individual, group, and community levels. The affordances of media provide different methods of communication: one to many (e.g., TV), one to one (e.g., instant messaging), and many to many (e.g. social media). These various forms of communication allow media to influence societies at different scales. Individuals' time spent on media can replace their time for face-to-face interaction with others and their time for physical activities. The contents of media can influence individuals' knowledge, attitudes, and behavior, related to health. Health information on both traditional and social media can shape social discussions on health topics and inform policy-making. The effective use of media for health campaigns can make positive changes in the community health. This Special Issue seeks to examine the increasingly important role that media play in community health.

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