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BOLTON 757

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“Trust in Physician Confidentiality: Uncovering Variability in a Neglected Aspect of Health Care”

Most patients trust in physician confidentiality, the expectation that a physician uses their personal health information appropriately, which has led scholars to overlook this dimension of trust in a physician. We consider how the nature of two health-related stigmas – being overweight or obese and experiencing depressive symptoms – introduces variability in trust in physician confidentiality. Analyses of trust in physician confidentiality in the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study demonstrated that: 1) respondents reporting more severe depressive symptoms and body weight had lower trust; 2) chronic severity – reporting more severe depressive symptoms and body weight across two survey years – lowered trust, and 3) these decreases in trust due to the nature of depressive symptoms, but not body weight, were greater than for physician competence and honesty. Uncovering such variability underscores the need to revive scholarly attention to this trust dimension, particularly given recent health policies that encourage greater information sharing among health care providers.

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