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Medical Humanities Talk

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"Conversing with Cancer: Creating Shared Meanings "

Providers, patients, and caregivers must all participate in creating a health care environment of shared meaning and understanding of health messages tailored to the aging patient diagnosed with cancer by:

1) Asking relevant questions; 2) clarifying health (mis)information; 3) back-channeling/double checking with each member of the health care team; 4) explaining plan of action to each member of the health care team to verify understanding/creating shared meaning.

Health communication scholars can provide various theoretical, methodological, and pragmatic communication-based programs that can provide important contributions to the complexities involved in cancer care.

The selection, optimization, and compensation (SOC) model was first proposed by Baltes and Baltes in 1990 as a theory of lifespan strategies that create well-being among individuals and has been adapted for many contexts (e.g., Müller, Heiden, Herbig, Poppe, & Angerer, 2015). This model refers to a way to understand how these three strategies of development function over an individual's lifespan to maximize gains and minimize losses.

In "Conversing with cancer," we break new ground by employing the selection, optimization, and compensation model to understand the continuum of cancer care and how providers, patients, and caregivers can create beneficial interactions and make the best decisions possible.

We offer a relational patient-provider extension of SOC into the context of the cancer care continuum.

Where: HG 1002

When: Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Time: 3:00-5:00 PM

Professor Sparks' fields of interests:

- ***Cancer communication science related to:***
 - * ***Intersections of provider-patient interaction***
 - * ***Family decision-making***