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We are soliciting manuscripts for inclusion in a special section of General Hospital Psychiatry titled, “Positive Psychology and Health: Well-being Interventions in the Context of Illness.” We welcome conceptual or empirical manuscripts with a US domestic or international focus on the topic. This can include review articles, full original research reports, brief communications, letters to the editor, or editorials, in keeping with the usual article types for General Hospital Psychiatry.

The special section will focus on studies of positive psychological constructs such as positive emotion, optimism, or resilience in clinical samples. Populations of interest include patients with chronic illness (cardiovascular disease, diabetes, HIV, depression, etc.), and those coping with health-related stress. The ultimate goal of the special section is to spotlight research focused on the development, implementation, and evaluation of positive psychological interventions delivered to clinical samples in the general hospital context. Topics of interest for this special section include, but are not limited to:

- Studies on the implementation and evaluation of interventions that target positive psychological constructs
- Studies that use technology (e.g., mobile apps, telehealth) to deliver positive psychological interventions
- Studies that focus on specifying the mechanisms of change targeted by these positive psychological interventions
- Mediation studies that examine change in positive psychological constructs after receiving these positive psychological interventions, and their underlying role in clinical change
- Studies that assess behavioral and biological outcomes, and their role in the patient recovery process
- Studies focused on the implementation of these interventions in special populations (e.g., rural, low SES, ethnic or racial minority)
- Studies that examine moderators of positive psychological interventions (e.g., gender, ethnicity/race, age, SES)
- Review articles examining the efficacy of positive psychological interventions in specific clinical samples
- Studies on the comparative efficacy of positive psychological interventions as compared with other interventions

- Studies examining how the delivery of positive psychological interventions in the hospital context may differ from the delivery of these interventions in the general population
- Discussions on how to optimally integrate positive psychological interventions into the general hospital context

We envision that the collection of articles included in this special section will provide robust support for future research on interventions that aim to increase positive psychological constructs and inform the delivery of such interventions in clinical samples. For any questions, please contact Dr. Judith Moskowitz at judith.moskowitz@northwestern.edu

Manuscripts are due **February 1, 2019**. All manuscripts will be subject to full editorial board and peer review. We anticipate that the special section will be published in Summer 2019.

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Timeline for Submissions:

February 1, 2019: manuscripts due

Summer 2019: Special issue will appear on-line (tentative)