

Dear division 8 members,

We wish to inform you that the ***Frontiers in Psychology***, has launched a special research topic under the title:

**Mind the Heart – Psychosocial Risk Factors and Cognitive Functioning in Cardiovascular Diseases**

This Research Topic welcomes manuscripts which:

- Examine the contribution of various psychosocial and neuropsychological aspects among patients coping with either congenital or acquired cardiac diseases, along the illness time line.
- Compare psychosocial and/or neuropsychological functioning among patients coping with different cardiac diagnoses.
- Present systematic reviews or meta-analyses on specific psychosocial risk factors and outcomes and the efficacy of diverse interventions in the context of CVD
- Provide guidelines for psychosocial handling of the different cardiac illnesses.
- Examine the efficacy of psychosocial and/or neuropsychological interventions for specific cardiac conditions.
- Analyze case studies in which psychosocial and/or neuropsychological functioning of cardiac patients and caregivers are demonstrated, and subsequent interventions are described.

Please visit the topic website at:

<https://www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/9871>

Please note that this is an open accesses journal and therefore there is a publication fee, yet the journal also provides very generous waivers.  
See the attached flyer for more details.

Yours,

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Psychosocial Risk  
Factors and Cognitive  
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Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is a major cause of disability and premature death throughout the world, contributing substantially to the escalating costs of health care.

Medicine advancements have resulted in increased survival rates both for patients who were born with congenital heart disease and for those who have acquired the illness during their adulthood. These conditions are often chronic and life-long, therefore it is important to develop effective psychological interventions for both patients and their caregivers. The field of psycho-cardiology explores the role of cognitive and psychosocial factors in the genesis and recurrence of CVD as well as in the outcomes of both acquired and congenital heart disease. In addition, this field focuses on psychosocial interventions aiming to alleviate patients' distress and to facilitate self-management.

We therefore call for manuscripts tapping various psychosocial and neuropsychological aspects among patients and family members who are coping with either congenital or acquired cardiac diseases.

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