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SPECIAL ISSUE ON E-HEALTH INTERVENTIONS FOR ADDICTIVE BEHAVIORS

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This special issue of the International Journal of Behavioral Medicine (IJBM) will be devoted to papers on e-health interventions for addictive behaviors. Addictive behaviors involving alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, and behavioral addictions, trouble up to one-fifth of adult populations in different countries, with higher problem rates among younger persons. Reducing harm to individuals with addictive behaviors as well as to their families and social networks is a significant societal challenge. The reach of e-health interventions, including internet-, smartphone-, tablet- and telephony-based formats, is independent of time and place and could potentially contribute significantly to reductions in problematic addictive behaviors and the associated collateral damage. However, evidence for the effectiveness of different types of e-health interventions varies, and national implementation strategies are variable and incomplete. Many research questions remain to be answered, such as how individuals connect to e-health interventions (that is, whether and how they form an alliance with them), what factors predict positive (and negative) intervention outcomes, and how to increase the appeal and retention capacity of e-health intervention design. This special issue is intended to add to knowledge about e-health interventions for addictive behaviors within research and practice of behavioral medicine across the globe.

A broad range of studies on e-health intervention development, outcome and follow-up, or dealing with issues related to e-health interventions within the field of research and practice of behavioral medicine, will be considered for inclusion in the special issue. We encourage you to submit original, empirical studies as well as systematic reviews or meta-analyses. Short reports and methodological papers will also be considered. The issue will cover a wide range of e-health interventions for addictive behaviors, preferably focusing on:

- correlates of alliance to e-health interventions
- factors relating to positive or negative e-health intervention outcome
- persuasive e-health intervention design

The submission deadline is 15 January 2016. Submissions should follow the author instructions for regular articles (up to 4000 words) and short communications (up to 2500 words) and should be submitted via the online submission system (see <http://www.springer.com/medicine/journal/12529>). The cover letter should specify that the authors wish their manuscript to be considered for the Special Issue on E-health Interventions for Addictive Behaviors, and this should be indicated during the online submission process. Submissions will be peer-reviewed, according to the Journal's standard procedures. The issue is scheduled to appear in 2017. Questions regarding the special issue should be directed to Anne H Berman, anne.h.berman@ki.se.