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Classification of measures and studies of open communication

Conceptualization of Openness	Operationalization of Openness	Studies that Utilize Measure
Global, abstract perception that couple communication is open	Expression subscale of Family Environment Scale	Giese-Davis et al., 2000; Simanoff et al., 2010; Spiegel et al., 1983
	Marital Communication Inventory	Vess et al., 1985a, 1985b
	Partner Relationship Inventory	Hoskins et al., 1996a, 1996b
	Social Adjustment Scale	Zemore & Shepel, 1989
	Emotional Expression subscale of the COPE inventory	Manne, Ostroff, Winkel et al., 2004
	Confiding Marriage subscale of Close Persons Quesitonnaire	Weihs et al., 2008
Abstract perception that couple communication about cancer is open	Interviewer ratings	Lichtman et al., 1987
	Couples' Illness Communication Scale	Arden-Close et al., 2010
	Items adapted from Perceived Social Support scale	Gotcher, 1992, 1993, 1995
	Interpersonal Disconnection subscale of Mutuality and Interpersonal Sensitivity Questionnaire	Lewis et al., 2008
	Perceived self/partner disclosure	Manne & Badr, 2010
	Mutual Constructive subscale of Communication Pattern questionnaire	Manne, Ostroff, Norton 2006; Manne et al., 2010
Abstract perception of constraint or difficulty in discussing cancer with partner	Openness to Discuss Cancer in the Nuclear Family scale	Bachner & Carmel, 2009; deBoer et al., 1995; Mesters et al., 1997
	Cancer-Related Communication Problems within Couples Scale	Kornblith et al., 2006
	Social Constraint measure	Bishop et al., 2007; Eton et al., 2005; Lepore & Helgeson, 1998; Lepore & Ituarte, 1999
	Mutual Avoidance, Demand-Withdraw subscales of Communication Pattern Questionnaire	Manne, Ostroff, Norton et al., 2006; Manne et al., 2010
Open communication as	Measures of active engagement and/or protective buffering	Berg et al., 2011; Hagedoorn et al., 2000; Hinnen et al., 2008; Kayser et

part of relational coping		al., 1999; Kuijer et al., 2000; Langer et al., 2009; Manne & Badr, 2010
Observed frequency of self-disclosure behaviors in a conversation	Self disclosure observed in lab, coded from the Rapid Marital Interaction Coding System	Manne, Ostroff, Sherman et al., 2004
	Adaptation of coping behavior categories	Hannum et al., 1991
Perceived frequency or ease of talk about specific cancer-related topics	Interviewer rating of whether patient and partner had shared awareness of dying.	Hinton, 1981
	Interviewer gave 1 to 7 ratings of openness about outcome (i.e. dying), feelings, and “other.”	Hinton, 1998
	Interviewer rating of whether partner had talked to patient about dying.	Vachon et al., 1977
	Whether couples had talked about death, frequency of talk about recurrence coded from interview transcripts	Chekryn, 1984
	Perceived difficulty of talking about death, cancer, wills and finances, fears, future, feelings	Walsh et al., 2005
	Degree avoided talking about death, treatment, sexuality, being a burden, feelings, relating, health care	Donovan-Kicken, 2008
	Frequency of talk about relational topics: overall quality, sex and intimacy, expectations and needs, memories, plans for future of relationship, problem-solving	Badr et al., 2008
	Measured how much participants felt they disclosed following a lab conversation about a specific cancer-related topic	Manne, Ostroff, Rini et al., 2004
	Dyadic Sexual Communication Scale	Garos et al., 2007
	Asked widowers 4 to 5 years later about communication about death during wife’s last three months and guilt in first six months after death.	Jonasson et al., 2011
	Self-disclosure scale; Holding back scale	Manne et al., 2010; Porter et al., 2005; Porter et al., 2009

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