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# Effectively Communicating Health Promotion Program Results using New Media

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#### **Abstract**

- Program evaluation is a cornerstone of public health and health promotion programs; providing understanding about the extent to which public health programs work, how they work and how they do not.
- The results of evaluations must be effectively communicated to a variety of stakeholders. This includes not only what has been found, but also how findings were established and what the results mean to the lives of people.
- There are numerous dissemination channels to choose from including traditional and new outlets.
- This talk will focus on how new media can be used to effectively communicate evaluation findings and how to select the most appropriate new media for communicating the outcomes of health promotion programs.

### **Evaluation**

Ensure use and share lessons learned

Justify conclusions

Engage stakeholders

Standards
Utility
Feasibility
Propriety

Accuracy

Accountability

Describe the program

Focus the evaluation design

Gather credible evidence

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Framework for program evaluation in public health. MMWR 1999;48(No. RR-11); Joint Committee on Standards for Educational Evaluation. Image from: http://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/our-research/program-evaluation/





### Communication

"Say the right thing, in the right way, to the right person, in the right places, enough times"

-Lotenberg (Kotler & Lee, 2008. p. 265)



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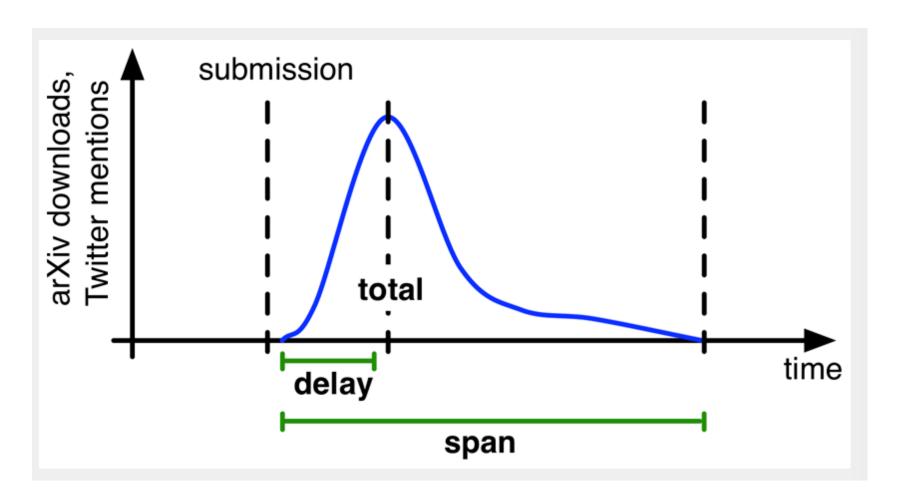


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New CDC study: The 15% of Americans who live in rural areas are at greater risk of death from 5 leading causes. bit.ly/2jc8RjH





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New CDC study: Rur II Americans are at greater risk of death from 5 leading causes than their urban counterparts. bit.ly/2jc8RjH

# 15% OF ALL AMERICANS



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Be physically stive | Eat right | Don't smoke | Wear your state | See your doctor regularly



#### Social media

Le piattaforme sociali («social media») sono trasversale che si è ormai imposto – nella so strumento che incoraggia il dialogo, la traspa interpersonali. Dal dicembre 2014, l'Amminis sui social media (facebook e twitter) con nove nuova offerta si aggiunge agli attuali strumen istituzioni e cittadinanza e mira a comunicare e trasparente con le cittadine e i cittadini.

aims to communicate in a more direct, fast and transparent with the citizens.

#### Social media

Dal primo dicembre 2014 alcuni servizi dell'Amministrazione cantonale sono coinvolti in un progetto sperimentale, approvato dal Consiglio di Stato, che prevede la gestione di profili ufficiali su due piattaforme sociali (facebook e twitter). Maggiori informazioni sono presenti in questa pagina.



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#### **Prevention campaign LOVE LIFE**

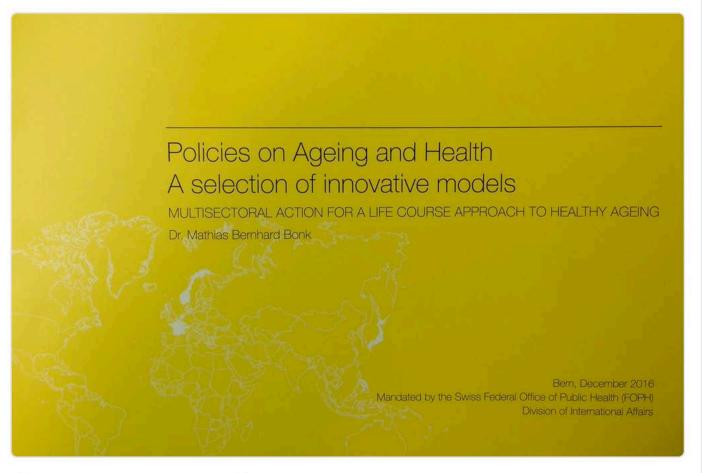
The new LOVE LIFE prevention campaign focuses on change in sexual partners, which can increase the risk of catching HIV or another sexually transmitted infection (STI).

**Strategy Addictions** 

LOVE LIFE



# TDussey-Cavassini @TaniaDussey · 22 Dec 2016 Online! comparative study on ageing & health @nicolashenchoz @SAGW\_CH @DrSportSante @swissnexNetwork #swissnexday16 bit.ly/2hfNOwC











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Le Conseil fédéral adopte la Stratégie nationale de vaccination admin.ch/gov/fr/accueil...

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Bundesamt fédéral de la Ufficio feder UFSP













Der Bundesrat verabschiedet die nationale Strategie zu Impfungen admin.ch/gov/de/start/d...

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How to address #PublicHealth challenges of ageing population? 5 countries compared in Swiss mandated study bit.ly/2hfNOwC #health









## Critical questions

- What is this message trying to accomplish?
- What should be said?
- To whom should it be said?
- How should it be stated?
- Who should be the source?
- Where should it be placed?
- How many times should it be posted?
- How could the message be mis-understood?
- How do we measure the effects of our message?

# Critical questions

 Do you really want to communicate through social media?

- Yes
- □ No
- Not sure

# Critical questions

- What is this message trying to accomplish?
- What should be said?
- How should it be stated?
- How many times should it be posted?
- Who monitors?
- How active are we and who do we follow on social media?
- How do we measure the effects of our message and reach?

#### Thanks.

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