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Special track
HSM: Health Social Media

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Social media provides various tools that enable users to create their own online content via forums, blogs, microblogs, social networks, wikis, question-answering communities, chat rooms, social discussions, among others. This has led to an explosion of publicly-available online data in various domains, including health, thereby creating new research questions and opportunities.

Health Social Media (HSM) is a specialized area of study on the impact of social media in medicine and online health discussions. Interactions between patients and healthcare professionals have fundamentally changed because of social media, allowing patients to form communities, connect with other patients, and for medics to communicate across geographical boundaries.

The HSM special track aims to present new research on a broad range of topics that make use of big data in health social media. We strive to provide an engaging and collaborative avenue for defining the state-of-the-art for health and medical research in social media. We highly encourage all submissions on relevant topics in eHealth, Telemedicine, and Social Medicine.

Topics include, but not limited to:
- Trust, veracity, credibility, reputation in online health information
- Automatic response generation and real-time chat in health forums
- Sentiment analysis, stigma, mental health analysis in social media
- Digital epidemiology social sensors, visualizations, and forecasting
- Similar/duplicate text detection, automated health FAQs generation
- Recommender systems, search indexing, findability in social health
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- Social media usage for patient support & Activities of Daily Living
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