

# Tattooed Surgeons: Not all tattoo narratives produce equal stigma!

Group-Association tattoos (i.e. Football & Religion) elicited the most stigma

Coping with Trauma tattoos (i.e. Covering a Scar) elicited less stigma than all but one other narrative

Coping with Loss tattoos (i.e. Name of loved one) elicited less stigma than half the other narratives

No significant differences in stigma between the Under-30 and Over-30 group!

Significant Effect of having a tattoo and having a friend or family member with a tattoo.

## Conclusion:

Visible tattoos were publicly accepted in a healthcare setting when there was an emotional narrative behind them!