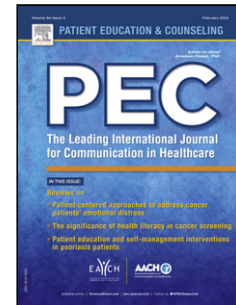


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Highlights

Eighty-five physicians conducted an encounter with a simulated cancer patient.

Psychological predictors of physicians' communication performance were assessed.

Physicians' level of decisional conflict was associated with their performance.

Physicians' reactions to uncertainty were negatively associated with their performance.

Psychological predictors should be addressed in communication skills training programs.

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