

# **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!**