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# The use and Efficacy of Comics in Healthcare

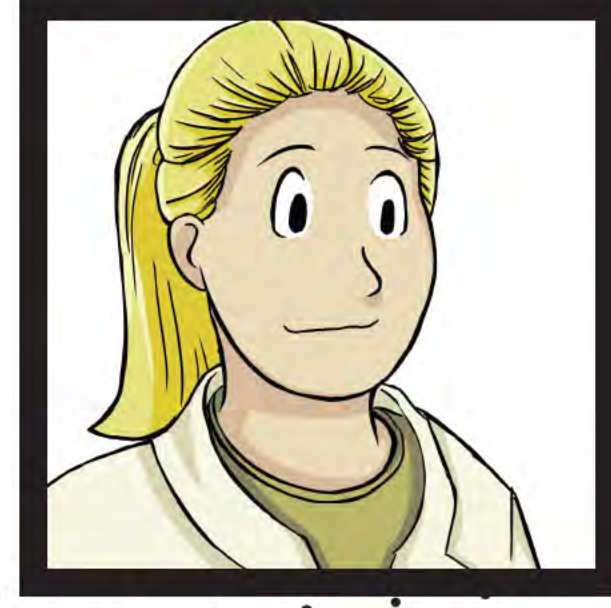
## A scoping review in Graphic Medicine

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**BACKGROUND**

Comics have always had a big influence in my life. When I began studying medicine I always wondered how to integrate my love for comics into the medical field.

I eventually came to realize how essential comics can be in medical communication.

What IS medical literacy?

Medical librarians need a way to communicate effectively to people who don't understand medicine. We need to bridge the literacy gap.

Before Graphic Medicine

After Graphic Medicine

Blah, blah, blah. Bta bta bla blah! Blah blah bla bla bla blah. Blah blah blah blah blah.

It seems that you have a better understanding of how to manage your diabetes with the help of the comics. Your diet has improved – and as a result, you have lost weight and your HbA1C, which measures how well controlled your diabetes is, is down to goal! Good job!

**METHODS**

In order to identify what medical comics are, we need to define what they aren't.

**EXCLUSION CRITERIA**

- Political Comics
- Caricatures
- Non-Healthcare Related
- Animation
- Humor & Stand up plays
- Visual Aids

In our search for medical comics, we received a number of results that were completely unrelated to our search terms.

**PRELIMINARY FINDINGS**

Only about 10% of our search results are actually relevant and usable.

Databases: PubMed, CINAHL, Scopus, ERIC, Web of Science, Google

Total Articles Researched: 5,105

Potentially Relevant Articles: 500ish

Care Givers

Patients

Medical Practitioners

Medical Education

Community

Medical Illustrators

**POTENTIAL IMPACT**

**OUR NEXT STEPS**

Illustrating

Educating Medical Professionals

Writing

Practicing Medicine

How might you make use of comics in your practice and/or praxis?