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Self-Control, Compliance and Adherence to Health Prescriptions

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Adherence behavior is usually defined as compliance with one or more prescriptions provided by another person, usually a health worker. Today, the world is experiencing a terrible pandemic that has killed almost half a million persons and infected many millions in only six months. Lacking an effective treatment or vaccine to prevent the COVID-19, the only way to face this pandemic infection is through confinement and following strict instructions on social interpersonal distance in order to prevent transmission of the virus, provided by health and government authorities. Then, adherence to these prescriptions becomes essential to stopping and facing the pandemic. This is an important moment to revise and to enhance scientific knowledge of what characteristics the instructions and the provider must have to facilitate compliance. Additionally, risk behaviors are very important in this context, for both the individual and the community; therefore, knowledge of how to take risk and how to avoid it is crucial, too.









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