

Biography – Heather L. Rogers

Heather L. Rogers, PhD, MPH is an Ikerbasque Research Fellow at Biocruces Bizkaia Health Research Institute (Basque Country, Spain). She is Director of the Psychosocial Factors and Chronic Disease research line within the Psychology and Health group. Much of her current work focuses on the implementation of good practices in health promotion. She is PI of a regionally and nationally funded qualitative research study evaluating implementation strategies to integrate health promotion into routine clinical practice in local healthcare centers in the Bilbao metropolitan area. As a collaborating partner in the CHRODIS PLUS Joint Action (Implementing Good Practices for Chronic Diseases), she is an active member of Work Package 5 on Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. She is also a Member of the Management Committee of COST Action 15222 “European Network for cost containment and improved quality of health care”. As part of the Communication & Health Group of The Basque Association of Family and Community Medicine Professionals (Osatzen), she conducts communication skills trainings for health professionals. Prior to her arrival in Spain in 2012, she worked in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Virginia Commonwealth University in the US.

Main focus of interest: psychosocial factors in health and disease; physician-patient communication; person-centred care; health promotion; primary care; implementation science.