

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN



Department of Communication  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
3001 Lincoln Hall  
702 South Wright Street  
Urbana, IL 61801

Do you have depression? Are you in a relationship with someone who has depression? Researchers from the University of Illinois are conducting a study to better understand how romantic partners communicate when one or both people are depressed.

You are eligible to participate in the study if:

- (1) You are in a romantic relationship,
- (2) You and/or your partner have been professionally diagnosed with depression,
- (3) Both partners are willing to participate in the study,
- (4) Both partners are 18 years of age or older, and
- (5) Both partners have their own email account.

Participation involves completing an online questionnaire, which includes questions about depression, your relationship with your partner, your sexual relationship, and how you and your partner communicate. You will be asked to respond to several questions about your sexual partnership, including questions about satisfaction and physical function, how depression does/does not affect your sex life, and how you communicate with your partner about sex. The questionnaire takes approximately 45 to 60 minutes to complete. All couples who complete the study will be entered into a raffle, and ten couples will win \$50 in Amazon e-gift cards (\$25 to each partner).

If you're interested in participating, first, **talk with your partner about the study**. Make sure **both partners** are aware of the eligibility criteria and what participation entails. Then, if **both partners** are willing to participate, send an email to [depression.study.2015@gmail.com](mailto:depression.study.2015@gmail.com) with:

- (a) your name and email address,
- (b) your partner's name and email address, and
- (c) who has been diagnosed with depression (you, your partner, or both).

Thank you,

Amy L. Delaney, Doctoral Candidate  
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
[depressionstudy.2015@gmail.com](mailto:depressionstudy.2015@gmail.com)