Recruitment Script
Participants Needed for Online Survey: Communication and Coping with Chronic Pain

My name is Kristen Everhart, and I am a doctoral student in the Department of Communication Studies. Under the supervision of my graduate advisor, Dr. Jody Koenig Kellas, I am conducting this study to learn more about how the support needs of people living with chronic pain are fulfilled through their relationship with a partner, family member, or people in their social circle. If you are currently: (1) 19 years or older and (2) Have a chronic pain condition, then you can choose to complete the online questionnaire by following the link posted at the bottom of this announcement. If you have any questions about meeting the qualifications for this study, please feel free to email me at ke.sdsu@gmail.com.

The questionnaire should take about 30-45 minutes to complete and will ask you some general questions about yourself and the members of your family and community including age, ethnicity, current living situation, and employment. Second, it will ask you about the supportive nature of your relationships. Third, you will be asked about how living with chronic pain impacts your daily activities. The entire survey can be completed online using a computer or mobile device in the location of your choosing.

The information researchers obtain will be kept strictly confidential. Your responses will not be associated with you individually or in any other way. The only individuals with access to your responses will be the researchers of this study. Results will be used as statistical data in a research presentation at an academic conference and possible publication in a refereed academic journal.

Please know that your participation in this study is completely voluntary and all participants have the right to opt out of any questions they are not comfortable answering. They can also decide not to participate or withdraw from this study completely at any time without adversely affecting their relationship with the investigators or the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. If you are a UNL student and your instructor agrees, you will receive extra credit in their course. Your instructor will be informed that you participated in a study in the Communication Studies department, but not which study you participated in. For participating in this study, you will earn two research credits for your course. You will not be penalized in any way in your class for not participating in this study. If you do not wish to participate in this study but still wish to receive extra credit, your instructor will make a separate but equivalent assignment available to you.

TO PARTICIPATE PLEASE VISIT: http://tinyurl.com/UNLChronicpain

If you have questions about participating, please contact:

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