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This paper explores family systems theory and stigma as they are represented in the movie, *The Fault in Our Stars*. *The Fault in Our Stars* is a movie full of happy emotions as well as sad emotions. Today stigma is huge in all aspects, but cancer stigma is around us everywhere (Corrigan 2014). Along with stigma, there is also family systems theory present in *The Fault in Our Stars*. Family systems theory is another way of saying that you have support from a system that is also a close relationship in your life. Whether that relationship is family, significant other, close friends etc. those relationships are impactful on your health. Emotional support can benefit the recovery of an ill person and often times be a huge motivator to get well (Storch et al., 2018). This paper will critically analyze *The Fault in Our Stars* and offer suggestions on how to reduce stigma associated with illness within a family system. (POSTER; HEALTH COMMUNICATION)