Mending Heart Emoji Proposal for Unicode 14.0
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I. Identification

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<td><img src="image1.png" alt="Bandaged-heart" /></td>
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<td>Recovering, improving, mending, recuperating, on the mend, healthier, well</td>
<td><img src="image2.png" alt="️+" /></td>
<td><img src="image3.png" alt="Broken Heart" /></td>
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II. Images

72px: ![Heart](image4.png) ![Broken Heart](image5.png) ![Heart](image6.png) 18px: ![Heart](image7.png) ![Heart](image8.png)

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III. Sort location

Emotion

![Heart](image9.png) ![Heart](image10.png) ![Heart](image11.png) ![Heart](image12.png) ![Heart](image13.png) ![Heart](image14.png) ![Heart](image15.png) ![Heart](image16.png) ![Heart](image17.png) ![Heart](image18.png) ![Heart](image19.png) ![Heart](image20.png) ![Heart](image21.png) ![Heart](image22.png) ![Heart](image23.png) ![Heart](image24.png)
II. Selection factors — Inclusion

A. Compatibility

n/a

B. Expected use

1. Frequency

Usage is expected to be extremely high. Heart emojis consistently remain in the top three most frequently used emojis around the world in nearly every language. Frequency data also indicates this emoji will be useful and frequently used.

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<td>recovering -song -data</td>
<td>1,270,000,000</td>
<td>62,100,000</td>
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2. Multiple usages

Conveys a broad range of meanings.

- To offer empathy, condolences, and support.
  - Please send my sympathies 💌
- To communicate recovery
  - "I'm feeling a bit better, thanks for asking" 💌
- To offer support
  - [person 1] I miss her so much. 💌
  - [person 1] I do too, it will get better. 💌
3. Use in sequences
Using the broken heart emoji as a proxy for how this will be used, we see a high number of non-repeating emoji sequences for a mending heart emoji.

- To denote intensity of sorrow
  - I’m sorry 💔
  - I’m so sorry 😞😞
  - I’m so terribly sorry 😞😞😞

- To show progress
  - Every relationship I’ve had: 💔💔💔 [repeat]

- Paired with smileys
  - 😞💔
  - 😞💔💔💔💔💔
  - 😞💔❤️

- Paired with other hearts
  - ❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💔❤️💌

4. Breaking new ground
Online, it is very easy to express extremes: War (⚔️) or Peace (’accord). Hot (🔥) and cold (泠泠泠泠). Love (❤️) and Sorrow (💔). However, emojis that are able to convey a transient status between these extremes are few. **Sure, we have twenty-two emojis depict a “heart” to denote “love” and a broken heart emoji to convey anguish but there is no existing emoji capable of conveying the feeling of recovering from said heartbreak.**

C. Image distinctiveness
Yes, this image is distinct from the other “heart” related emojis both conceptually and visually while simultaneously operating very well within the existing inventory.

D. Completeness
n/a
III. Selection factors — Exclusion

F. Overly specific
No. This design is iconic of this commonly understood feeling. It is cartoonishly expressed in pop culture, as tattoos, and in media.

G. Open-ended
No, this is not part of a set of similar items.

H. Already representable
No.

I. Logos, brands, UI icons, signage, specific people, deities
Not applicable. There are no logos, brands, signage or otherwise among the proposed characters.

J. Transient
Not applicable.

K. Faulty comparison
Justification for encoding the proposed emoji does not depend on analogy with other emoji that were encoded only for compatibility reasons.

L. Exact Images
An exact image is not required.