

Culture and Health:

# Applying Medical Anthropology

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This text provides an overview of different areas of medical anthropology, both theoretical and applied. The text outlines how to address the challenges of cross-cultural medicine and medical pluralism through interdisciplinary cultural-ecological models and personal and institutional developmental approaches to cross-cultural adaptation and competency. Separate chapters address the perspectives of clinically applied anthropology, transcultural psychiatry and the medical ecology, critical and symbolic paradigms as frameworks for enhanced comprehension of health and the medical encounter. Theoretical approaches are illustrated through cultural case studies, applied vignettes, and self-assessments.

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