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a new edition of a seminal textbook that offers an up to date concise and theoretically and empirically informed introduction to the core issues in the sociology of health and health care it includes updated chapters on established themes of social aspects of health disease and medical practice social structures and the organisation of health services as well as brand new chapters on contemporary topics such as globalisation the sociology of the body and digital technologies as proven by previous editions this

text has special salience for students of medicine and allied health programmes moreover with increased attention to international perspectives and examples and an accessible writing style it remains an ideal choice for undergraduate and postgraduate health modules on sociology courses across the world new to this edition increased emphasis on global perspectives and international examples all existing chapters thoroughly updated new chapters on globalisation and health re conceptualising bodies and digital health and health care ensure that the book takes the latest developments in the discipline into account

explores the sociology of the healthcare providing an up to date and accessible comprehensive introduction to issues within the health care system ranging from the changes in policy and practice since the new labour government came into power and the issues of rationing consumerism and disability within healthcare

praise for the first edition the book is a great introduction it gives the students a sound basis gets them thinking and gives them the confidence to move on sarah nettleton university of york this book was a pleasure to read given its clarity and the broad spectrum to topics covered so succinctly it delivers a grounded and measured summary of the sociology of health perhaps most importantly however i feel it achieves the task of promoting critical and questioning in relation to the medical model and our understanding of health as anchored in the social world zoe hildon imperial college london the eagerly awaited new edition of understanding health a sociological introduction brings together the best of current thinking in the sociology of health and illness in a truly readable and concise manner the book is a great introduction it gives the students a sound basis gets them thinking and gives them the confidence to move on this book was a pleasure to read given its clarity and the broad spectrum to topics covered so succinctly it delivers a grounded and measured summary of the sociology of health perhaps most importantly however i feel it achieves the task of promoting critical and questioning in relation to the medical model and our understanding of health as anchored in the social world the eagerly awaited new edition of brings together the best of current thinking in the sociology of health and illness in a truly readable and concise manner extensively revised and drawing on the latest applied sociological research and new theoretical insights into health and illness understanding health a sociological introduction explores everything from health inequalities to chronic illness embodiment to research techniques and health care organisation to social theory though aimed primarily at students on health and social care courses and professions allied to medicine this textbook provides valuable insights for anyone interested in the social aspects of health

an understanding of the sociology of health and illness is central to effective health and social care practice sociological approaches to health healthcare and nursing is a new

book for pre and post registration nurses and allied health professionals that brings into focus the social context of their work and its social and cultural foundations the book introduces key social theories and concepts in an accessible way it covers a range of contemporary post covid issues in health and healthcare a central focus is the social determinants of health the book discusses these in relation to inequality and discrimination related to social class gender sexual orientation ethnicity and disability it examines contemporary cultural understandings of health illness and the body while linking these to social changes and the growth of digital technologies and social media aligned with the requirements of the updated nmc standards of proficiency for nurses this book will support the reader in considering modern healthcare systems and institutions and their role in either reproducing or challenging inequalities of health it encourages the reader to critically reflect on their own role within them and how they themselves can help to effect positive change aligned to the requirements of the updated nmc standards of proficiency for nurses presents a contemporary focus that takes into account changes in public health healthcare services and health work post pandemic case studies illustrate key issues and bring theory to life focuses on the wider determinants of health and inequalities in health and healthcare provides an understanding of the patient experience and its social and cultural context in order to support patient centred care addresses the political and policy context of healthcare including contemporary changes in the organisation of health services changes in health work and changes in nursing work offers regular reflection points to encourage critical thinking

until now little attention has been paid by sociologists to health policy issues the sociology of the health service provides an analysis of current policy and covers such topics as privatisation health education and management

health illness and society updated second edition provides a comprehensive yet concise introduction to medical sociology in his accessible style steven barkan covers health and illness behaviors the social determinants of health problems the health professions and health care system in the u s and how the u s system compares to that of other countries the updated second edition adds a new chapter the covid 19 pandemic which highlights several ways in which the pandemic exhibits health and health behavior disparities resulting from social inequalities and the deficiencies of the u s health system the book also critically examines the achievements and limitations of the affordable care act and discusses efforts of the trump administration to weaken the aca each chapter opens with learning questions to guide the student and health and illness in the news stories that apply each chapter s contents to contemporary events chapter summaries reinforce key ideas and give it some thought boxes emphasize critical thinking new to the updated second edition new chapter 14 the covid 19 pandemic discusses several ways in which the pandemic reveals health and health

behavior disparities new data on medical students and faculty sexual harassment in medical school and medical school debt provide students with a deeper understanding of the issues facing doctors new health care data on peer nations and discussion of health and health care rankings of u s women provide a critical examination of the quality and cost of health care in the u s versus its peer nations enhanced examination of health insurance status and surprise medical billing updated survey data on health care costs and a discussion of high deductibles emphasize the patient financial burden created by a private system of medicine

a comprehensive collection of original essays by leading medical sociologists from around the world fully updated to reflect contemporary research and global health issues the wiley blackwell companion to medical sociology is an authoritative overview of the most recent research major theoretical approaches and central issues and debates within the field bringing together contributions from an international team of leading scholars this wide ranging volume summarizes significant new developments and discusses a broad range of globally relevant topics the companion s twenty eight chapters contain timely theoretically informed coverage of the coronavirus pandemic and emerging diseases bioethics healthcare delivery systems health disparities associated with migration social class gender and race it also explores mental health the family religion and many other real world health concerns the most up to date and comprehensive single volume reference on the key concepts and contemporary issues in medical sociology this book presents thematically organized essays by authors who are recognized experts in their fields features new chapters reflecting state of the art research and contemporary issues relevant to global health covers vital topics such as current bioethical debates and the global effort to cope with the coronavirus pandemic discusses the important relationship between culture and health in a global context provide fresh perspectives on the sociology of the body biomedicalization health lifestyle theory doctor patient relations and social capital and health the wiley blackwell companion to medical sociology is essential reading for advanced undergraduate and graduate students in medical sociology health studies and health care as well as for academics researchers and practitioners wanting to keep pace with new developments in the field

tavistock press was established as a co operative venture between the tavistock institute and routledge kegan paul rkp in the 1950s to produce a series of major contributions across the social sciences this volume is part of a 2001 reissue of a selection of those important works which have since gone out of print or are difficult to locate published by routledge 112 volumes in total are being brought together under the name the international behavioural and social sciences library classics from the tavistock press reproduced here in facsimile this volume was originally published in 1976 and is available individually the collection is also available in a number of themed mini

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this reader brings together recent writing on health illness and health care in contemporary society it emphasizes the empirical nature of medical sociology and its relationship with the development of sociological theory

this book clearly explains what sociology is and how it contributes to our understanding of health beginning with an overview of the discipline the authors set out the different theoretical perspectives offered by sociology they describe how for centuries our understanding of health and illness has been dominated by the medical model and a focus on disease processes in contrast they show how sociology provides a broader understanding of health and inequalities in the health of populations by taking account of factors such as age social class gender and environment

the main purpose of this book is to demonstrate that disease is socially produced and distributed becoming sick and unhealthy is not the result of individual misfortune or an accident of nature it is a consequence of the social political and economic organization of society in developing this thesis the author systematically introduces students to the major sociological explanations of the role and functions of medical explanations of disease the book situates the student securely in the literature and provides a guide to the strengths and weaknesses of the major sociological approaches it draws out the essential features of the major sociological contributions and elucidates how an appreciation of the dynamics of class gender ethnicity and the sociology of knowledge challenges medical power

the sociology of health and illness reader brings together some of the best examples of recent sociological studies on health illness and health care the volume emphasizes the empirical nature of medical sociology and its relationship with the development of sociological theory it thus presents an array of substantive topics viewed from a range of contemporary theoretical positions reflecting the key areas of medical sociology the chapters are organized into five sections bodies health and risk experiencing illness social patterning of health and illness and health care work each area is introduced by the editors who provide an overview of the topic and highlight key developments although the chapters cover a wide range of topics they all deal with issues pertinent to health and illness in the twenty first century and draw upon broader sociological debates around notions of risk reflexivity flexibility uncertainty and late modernity the book includes an extensive introduction that provides the student with an orientation to the field

highly commended bma medical awards 2015 health and social care the fully revised edition of this highly respected textbook addresses the most important theoretical and empirical debates in the sociology of health and medicine chapter by chapter the book

examines important issues such as the complexities surrounding health and identity health inequalities and the organization and provision of health care a particular strength of the book is its careful attention to theoretical developments in the field the second edition has been rigorously updated to take account of recent theories and evidence in medical sociology new to this edition are discussions of globalization individualization medicalization new medical technologies and the sociology of the body the new edition also looks in detail at recent social change and hotly debated explanations for the patterning of health by socioeconomic status gender and ethnicity in addition it examines developments in contemporary health care including the reconceptualization of patients as consumers the result is a text that will be of interest to upper level undergraduates and postgraduate students in sociology and social policy as well as students of the allied health professions looking for an in depth and forward thinking introduction to medical sociology

fills an important gap in medical sociology in an era of information overload busy scholars and students will appreciate these accessible introductions to the field s key concepts alan petersen monash university a handbook for any student to have by their side as they embark on any course exploring the sociology of health medicine and disease jessica clark university campus suffolk a really useful collection of concise accessible and informative mini essays on a range of medical concepts and conceptualisations the book is ideal for students including those following health professional courses and for more seasoned academics and scholars a very handy volume jacquelyn allen collinson lincoln university how do we understand health in relation to society what role does culture play in shaping our experiences of and orientation to health and illness how do we understand medicine and medical treatment within a sociological framework medical sociology is a dynamic and complex field of study comprising many concepts which students sometimes find difficult to grasp this title manages to successfully elucidate this conceptual terrain the text systematically explains the key concepts that have preoccupied medical sociologists from its inception and which have shaped the field as it exists today thoroughly revised and updated this second edition provides a systematic and accessible introduction to medical sociology includes new relevant entries as well as classic concepts begins each entry with a definition of the concept then examines its origins development strengths and weaknesses offers further reading guidance for independent learning draws on international literature and examples this title has proved hugely popular among students in medical sociology as well as those undertaking professional training in health related disciplines it is essential reading for anyone wanting to find an easily accessible yet critical and thoughtful information source about the building blocks of medical sociology and the sociology of health and illness

a sociology of health charts a way forward for a medical sociology that can make a

positive contribution to medical practice and health policy dr michael fitzpatrick east london gp and author of the tyranny of health this is a very lively book that will stimulate good debate amongst students undertaking sociology of health courses in higher education mathew jones senior lecturer in health and social policy university of the west of england a sociology of health offers an authoritative and up to date introduction to the key issues perspectives and debates within the field of medical sociology the book will aid readers understanding of how sociological approaches are crucial to understanding the impact that health and illness have on the behaviour attitudes beliefs and practices of an increasingly health aware population the book is topical and unique in its approach combining commentary and analysis of classic debates in medical sociology with contemporary issues in health care policy and practice the content is wide ranging including chapters on health scares therapy culture new dimensions of international health changes in health care organisation and the feminization of health features such as case studies questions for debate and further reading sections are used throughout to promote critical reflection and further debate a sociology of health offers readers a fresh approach to the subject and will be essential reading for all undergraduate students on medical sociology and sociology of health and illness courses as well as postgraduate students in related health and social care disciplines david wainwright is a senior lecturer in the school for health university of bath

taking an intersectional approach to the study of health and illness second opinion introduces students to the field through an accessible yet authoritative overview of key theories debates and research findings written in a clear straightforward style with contributions from bothcanadian and international scholars this comprehensive volume examines a wide range of topics including racialization disability aging the environment aboriginal health and the political economy of the health industry themes such as the social determinants of health health inequalities intersectionality and the roles of both structure and agency in creating and maintaining the status quo are integrated throughout the array of pedagogical features fosters engagement with the material while providing study support and suggestions for further learning new content and examples on maternal mortality rates the latest in sociological theory health care inequalities in canada obesity appearance norms healthy aging physician assisted death drug costs in canada and the world and integrated health care encourage students to think critically about health care practices and policies in canada within a global health perspective thoroughly revised and up to date with a new visual program to appeal to visual learners and a new chart on the inside cover that details the coverage of social determinants throughout the text the second canadian edition of second opinion ensures that students of health sociology have everythingthey need to understand this complex discipline right at their fingertips

this book presents a comprehensive discussion of classical ideas core topics currents and detailed theoretical underpinnings in medical sociology it is a globally renowned source and reference for those interested in social dimensions of health and illness the presentation is enriched with explanatory and illustrative styles the design and illustration of details will shift the minds of the readers from mere classroom discourse to societal context the space of health issues to consider the implications of those ideas in a way that could guide health interventions the elemental strengths are the sociological illustrations from african context rooted in deep cultural interpretations necessitated because africa bears a greater brunt of health problems more so the classical and current epistemological and theoretical discourse presented in this book are indicative of core themes in medical sociology in particular but cut across a multidisciplinary realm including health social sciences e g medical anthropology health psychology medical demography medical geography and health economics and health studies medicine public health epidemiology bioethics and medical humanities in general therefore apart from the book s relevance as a teaching text of medical sociology for academics it is also meant for students at various levels and all health professionals who require a deeper understanding of social dimensions of health and illness with illustrations from the african context and sociological contributions to health studies in general

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