

## **Culture and Health Care**

### **Books**

Bigby, J. A. (Ed.). (2003). *Cross-cultural medicine*. Philadelphia: American College of Physicians. [RA418.5 .T73 C765 2003]

Includes chapters on African Americans, Latinos, American Indians and Alaskan Natives, Asian Americans, Arab Americans and American Muslims.

Dresser, N. (2005). *Multicultural manners: Essential rules of etiquette for the 21st century*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley. [BJ1854 .D75 2005]

Includes a quick reference guide with a breakdown of customs, religions, languages and ethnicities for 70 different countries. (pp. 201-257)

Edelman, C. L., & Mandle, C. L. (Eds.). (2002). *Health promotion throughout the lifespan* (5th ed.). St. Louis: Mosby. [RT90.3 .H435 2002]

Chapter 2: Changing Populations and Changing Health includes information on culture, values, and value orientations for several racial, ethnic and minority groups.

Galanti, G-A. (2004). *Caring for patients from different cultures*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press. [RT86.54 .G35 2004]

Case studies of over 200 actual conflicts that occurred in American hospitals. Chapters on communication and time orientation, pain, religion and spirituality, family, men and women, birth, end of life issues, mental health, and traditional medicine. Appendixes for cultural profiles and selected religions.

Hitchcock, J. E., Schubert, P. E., & Thomas, S. A. (1999). *Community health nursing: Caring in action*. Albany: Delmar. [RT98 .H58 1999]

See Chapter 6: Cultural and Spiritual Perspectives.

Huff, R. M., & Kline, M. V. (1999). *Promoting health in multicultural populations: A handbook for practitioners*. Thousand Oaks: Sage. [RA448.4 .P76 1999]

Includes sections on Hispanic/Latino, African American, American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian American, and Pacific Islander populations.

Kelley, M. L., & Fitzsimons, V. M. (2000). *Understanding cultural diversity: Culture, curriculum, and community in nursing*. Boston: Jones and Bartlett. [R737 .U55 2000]

See Chapters 19-24 (pp. 209-271) for culturally competent care of Native Americans, Filipino Americans, Hispanics, Puerto Ricans, and Asian Indians.

Leininger, M. M., & McFarland, M. R. (Eds.). (2006). *Culture care diversity and universality: A worldwide nursing theory* (2nd ed.). Sudbury, MA: Jones and Bartlett. [RT86.54 .C85 2006]

Includes chapters on Old Order Amish, Mexican-Americans, and Russian and Vietnamese refugees, among others. For cultural competence charts for 22 different cultures, see pp. 289-302.

Leininger, M. (1994). *Transcultural nursing: Concepts, theories, and practices*. Columbus, OH: Greyden Press. [RT86.5 .L44 1994]

Includes a chapter on the Navajo.

Morrison, T., & Conaway, W. A. (2006). *Kiss, bow, or shake hands: The bestselling guide to doing business in more than 60 countries* (2nd ed.). Avon, MA: Adams Media. [HF5389 .M67 2006]

Information on cultural differences in communication, forms of address, touch, etc., for more than sixty countries.

Munoz, C., & Luckmann, J. (2005). *Transcultural communication in nursing* (2nd ed.). Clifton Park, NY: Delmar Learning. [RT23 .L83 2005]

Amish, Latinos, Hispanics, Muslims, Hasidic and Reform Jews, Filipinos, Native Americans, and African Americans are just some of the ethnic and religious groups whose traditions are explored.

Royeen, R., & Crabtree, J. L. (Eds.). (2006). *Culture in rehabilitation: From competency to proficiency*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson. [RM930 .C84 2006]

Includes sections on European Americans, African Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, Judaism and Jewish Americans, Hispanic cultures, and Pacific Islanders.

Salimbene, S. (2005). *What language does your patient hurt in? A practical guide to culturally competent patient care* (2nd ed.). St. Paul, MN: EMC Paradigm. [Ref RA418.5.T73 S355 2005]

Sebastian, J. G., & Bushy, A. (Eds.). (1999). *Special populations in the community: Advances in reducing health disparities*. Gaithersburg: Aspen. [RA445 .S686 1999]

See Chapter 1: The need for cultural-linguistic competent care for families with special health problems.

Stanhope, M., & Knollmueller, R. N. (2000). *Handbook of community-based and home health nursing practice*. St. Louis: Mosby. [RT98 .S782 2000]

See pp. 18-30 for a table of cultural characteristics related to health care; pp. 32-33 for cultural phenomena that affect nursing care (communication, personal space, touch, etc.); pp. 45-46 for cultural behaviors relevant to health assessment.

## Encyclopedias

Ludlow, D. H. (Ed.). (1992). *Encyclopedia of Mormonism* (Vols. 1-4). New York: Macmillan. [Ref BX8605.5 .E62 1992]

See “Health, Attitudes Toward” (v. 2, p. 580); “Moral issues and Medical and Health Issues” (v.3, pp.1096-97); “Prolonging Life” (v. 3, pp. 1159-60); “Sick, Blessing of” (pp.1308-9); “Word of Wisdom” (v.4, pp. 1584-85); “Organ Transplants and Donations” (v.3, pp.1051-52); “Abortion” (v.1, p.7).

Martin, R. C. (Ed.). (2004). *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*. New York: Macmillan Reference. [Ref BP40 .E525 2004]

See the article “Ethics and Social Issues” (v. 1, pp. 224-231) for abortion, reproductive issues, contraception, organ transplantation, and euthanasia. See also “Body, Significance of” (v. 1, pp.110-111) for information on ritual purification and private areas.

*Also available online through Gale Virtual Reference Library*  
<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/sunybroome?db=GURL>

Post, S. G. (Ed.). (2004). *Encyclopedia of bioethics* (3rd ed., Vols. 1-5). New York: Macmillan Reference. [Ref QH 332 .E52 2003]

Many useful articles. Search under specific topics (e.g. Organ transplantation, Death and dying) or search for your culture/religion. *Also available online through Gale Virtual Reference Library:* <http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/sunybroome?db=GURL>

## Library Databases

Search for magazine/journal articles by accessing the library databases from our website [www.sunybroome.edu/~library](http://www.sunybroome.edu/~library). Click “Articles” under the “Search” heading, then choose “Health and Medicine” under “Browse Databases by Topic.”

\*\*\**Note:* From off-campus, you will need to enter your BCC computer login (ex.: smithj2) and 4-6 character password.

- **CINAHL** Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature
- **Health Reference Center Academic**

Try searching your culture/religion with “health beliefs” or “health care”.

*Examples:* Islam and health beliefs

Amish and health care

Some of the articles will have full-text (html or PDF). If full-text is lacking, click on the **Find Full-Text or Request Copy** button to link to full-text in another database, check for a print subscription the BCC Library catalog, or request a copy via **ILLiad**, our Interlibrary Loan service.

## **Websites**

Cultural Competency in Medicine from the American Medical Students Association

<http://www.amsa.org/programs/gpit/cultural.cfm>

General information and tips on improving healthcare across cultures, including a few case studies.

EthnoMed <http://ethnomed.org/index.html>

The EthnoMed site contains information about cultural beliefs, medical issues and other related issues pertinent to the health care of recent immigrants to Seattle or the US, many of whom are refugees fleeing war-torn parts of the world.

Geri-Ann Galanti Presents...Cultural Diversity in Healthcare <http://ggalanti.com/index.html>

Includes articles on culture and healthcare, reports on healthcare in other countries, and cultural profiles. Click "Cultural Profiles" on the toolbar near the top of the homepage, then click on one of the subcategories: African American, Asian, Hispanic, Middle Eastern, Russian, Anglo American, East Indian, Native American, or European.

Refugee Health~Immigrant Health [http://www3.baylor.edu/~Charles\\_Kemp/refugees.htm](http://www3.baylor.edu/~Charles_Kemp/refugees.htm)

Information on many refugee/immigrant populations: Bosnian, Burmese, Cambodian/Khmer, Chinese, Cuban, Ethiopian/Eritrean, Gypsy/Roma, Haitian, Indian(Asian), Iraqi, Korean, Kosovar, Kurdish, Laotian/Lao, Liberian, Mexican/Hispanic, Nigerian, Somali, Sudanese, Vietnamese.

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