

# **Caring professions in multi-ethnic society: differences and similarities in representations of health and illness**

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## **Abstract**

*This article reviewed cross-group comparisons (differing in culture, nationality, and race) in order to understand how caregivers' cultural peculiarities have an impact on the type of caring for their patients. After a brief introduction explaining the reasons underlying this kind of research, classic literature on mental representations of human body, health, illness and practices of care was reviewed; finally, recent studies on caring professions were also analysed, in the light of further research in this field.*

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