

MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY (Optional Paper)

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SESSION 1

Health, Goals and Definitions

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- Introduction
- Sociology
- Medical sociology
- Needs for emergence

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Students understand what is health
- Students understand the sociological perspectives of health
- Students understand the goals of health
- Students understand how health reflects sociological aspects

Outcome

- The session helps to define sociology
- In the end of the session students understand the relationship of medical sociology with sociology
- The session help to elaborate Nature and importance of medical sociology

Prerequisites

- What is sociology
- What are the branches of sociology

MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY

- Definitions of medical sociology
 - ❖ Virchow-Medicine is a social science
 - ❖ Medical sociology is the study of the social causes and consequences of health and illness.
 - ❖ investigates health and medical problems from an independent sociological perspective.

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❖ investigation includes-

- the social determinants of health and disease
- the social behavior of patients and health care providers
- the social functions of health organizations and institutions
- the social patterns of the utilization of health services
- the relationship of health care delivery systems to other social institutions, and
- social policies toward health.

Historical Development of medical sociology

- ❖ The earliest works -carried out by physicians in the United States, not sociologists
- ❖ Koos's *The Health of Regionville* (1954) and Hollingshead and Redlich's *Social Class and Mental Illness* (1958)
- ❖ Marshall Becker -Health Belief Model
- ❖ Ronald Andersen-socio-behavioral model (1995)
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Scope of medical sociology

- ❖ The study of medicine is only part of the sociological study of health and health care
- ❖ Social epidemiology
- ❖ Studies of the development and organizational dynamics
- ❖ The reactions of societies to illness
- ❖ The social policies, social movements, politics and economic conditions

Importance of medical sociology

- ❖ Medical sociology shows that how social factors play critical role in determining the health of individuals, groups and the whole society
- ❖ Medical sociology is a complex and very dynamic field of study
- ❖ Medical sociology analyzes the impact of individual (micro) and societal (macro) or social environment on disease and vice versa
- ❖ The importance and the popularity can be understood by that about one the every ten American sociologists is a medical sociologist

Session Summary

- Sociology-meaning, branches
- Medical sociology-meaning, development, scope, importance

MCQ-1

- “social system” written by
 - a. Elliot Freidson
 - b. Koos
 - c. Marshall Becker
 - d. Talcott Parsons

Answer d. Talcott Parsons

MCQ-2

- Medical sociology means
 - a. Study of medicines
 - b. Study of society
 - c. Health study
 - d. Study of causes and consequences of health and illness

Answer d. Study of causes and consequences of health and illness

MCQ-3

- This is one of the branches of sociology
 - a. Psychology
 - b. Economics
 - c. Political science
 - d. Medical sociology

Answer d. Medical sociology

MCQ-4

- Sociology studies
 - a. Human mind
 - b. Human behavior
 - c. Human origin
 - d. Human society

Answer d. Human society

MCQ-5

- Sick Role is the concept of-
 - a. Emile Durkheim
 - b. Herbert spencer
 - c. Max weber
 - d. Talcott Parsons

Answer d. Talcott Parsons

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