



The Effect of Religion on Patient-Healthcare Provider Relationships

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Question:

What is the effect of religion on social justice and the common good in regard to healthcare?

Methods:

Intensive literature review and comparative analysis with psychological, anthropological, and sociological perspectives, focused on the relationships between healthcare providers and patients in the context of religion.

Findings:

For many healthcare providers, religion is an important way to cope with the stress of work, ultimately resulting in decreased burnout. This increases the ability of healthcare providers to perform optimal patient centered care.

Overall, when patients incorporate religion into their healthcare experiences, they are more inclined to seek out health screenings and are able to better cope with diagnoses.

Religiously affiliated healthcare institutions provide a large portion of non-profit healthcare, and many clearly indicate that they provide holistic, nondiscriminatory healthcare.

Conclusion:

We observed a positive correlation between the presence of religion and clinical encounters. When taking religion into consideration, healthcare institutions and policies allow for greater outreach and support for a wider array of patients.

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