

Special Issue

The Roles of Religion and Spirituality in Healthcare

Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue aims to provide context for how healthcare practices benefit from or are impeded by a person's religious and/or spiritual (R/S) beliefs and practices. We build on the work of George Engel (1977), who, in describing the need to expand medicine from biology alone to the biopsychosocial model, asked, "When is Grief a Disease?". Implicit in this question is the answer that some things that may look like disease are part of the lived human experience and can only be understood in their cultural and social contexts. Recent research has found that spirituality has a unique vocabulary and place in healing, in addition to the psychological and social realms. This Special Issue will offer introductory essays that explore these ideas and articles that provide specific examples from medical practice, etc [...]

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