



## The Cultural Determinants of Ill-health: The Experience of Persons Living with Epilepsy in the Manguissa Community in Cameroon

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AUTHORHOUSE, United States, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 279 x 216 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.This exploratory study aimed at assessing the cultural determinants of the weight of health problems in Cameroon with focus on the experience of person living with epilepsy in the Manguissa community. It also took into consideration socio-economic and environmental factors that surround patients. It is based on paucity of data on the social aspects in disease burden assessment. Example is the use of the Disability Adjusted Life Years (DALY) over the years in the measurement of disease burden. The DALY is only adjusted for age, sex, and time of onset of disease and does not account for specific social, cultural and environmental aspects in the spaces where diseases occur. Meanwhile health status is undoubtedly a social construct than a mere biological definition. In order to assess the social aspects of epilepsy in the Manguissa community, an exploratory approach was adopted. Both qualitative and quantitative methods were used in the collection, analysis and interpretation of data. Qualitative data collection relied heavily on observations, in-depth interviews, and photo voice methods, while quantitative data collection relied on SF12 Scale, ComQol and...



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