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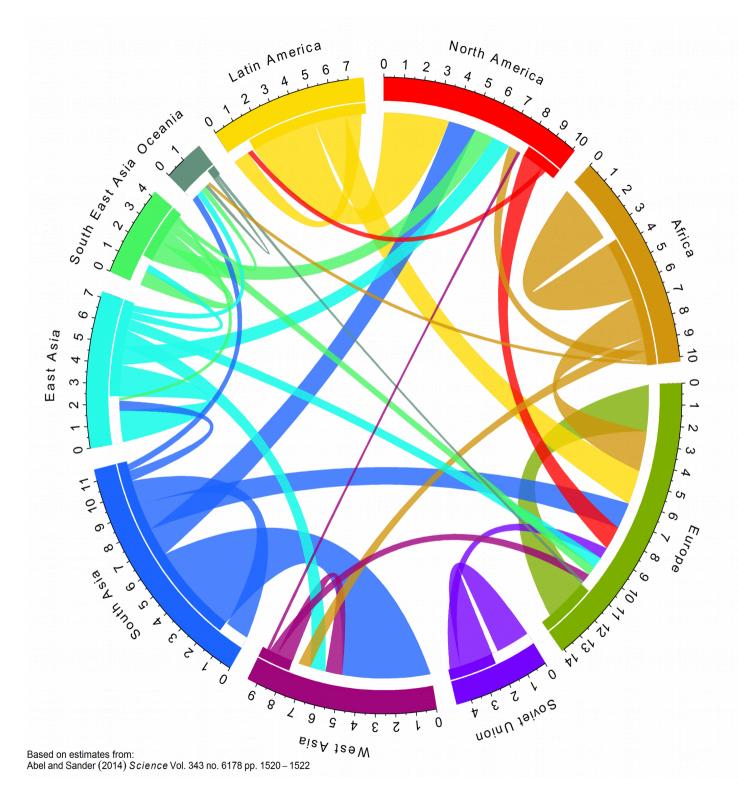
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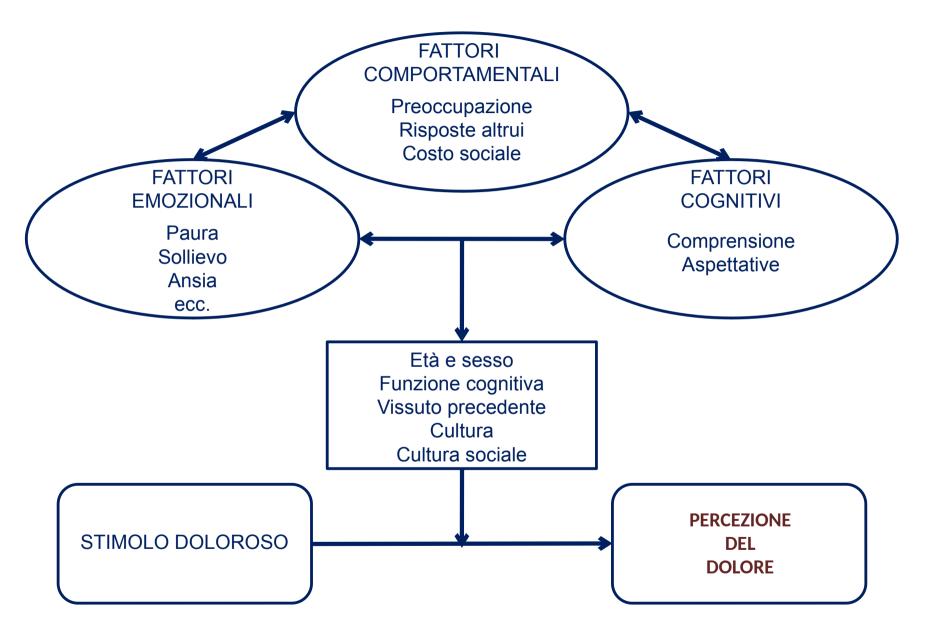




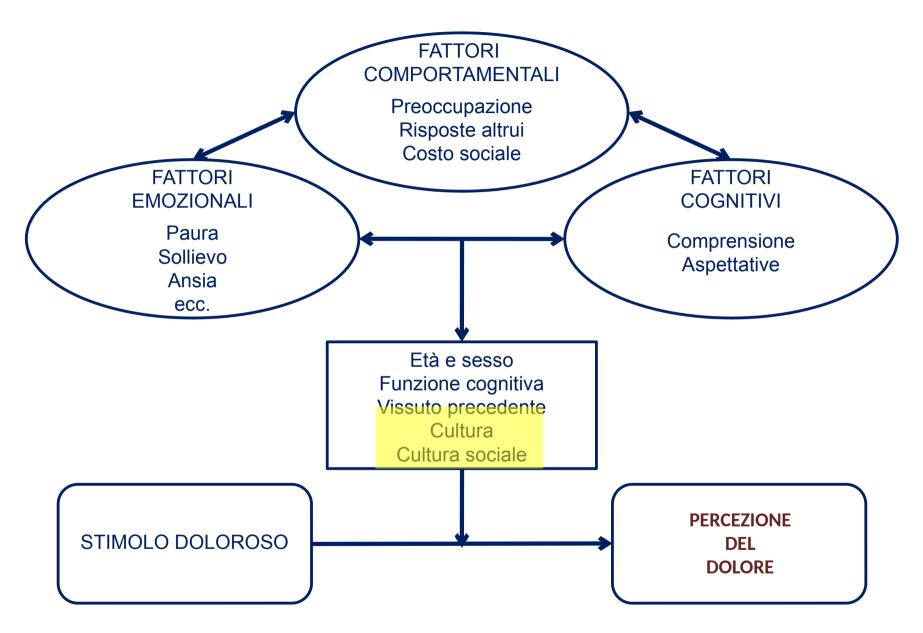
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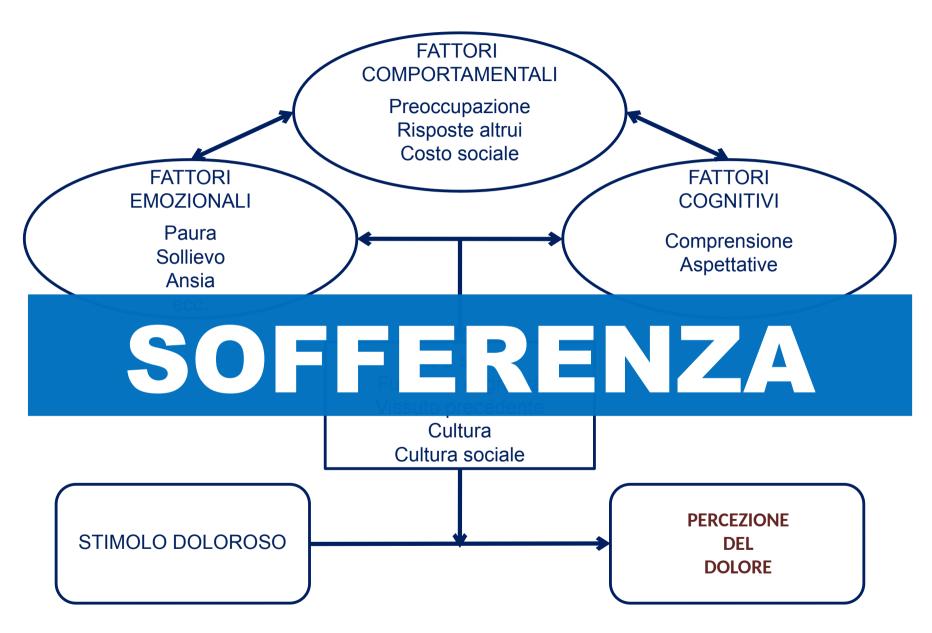


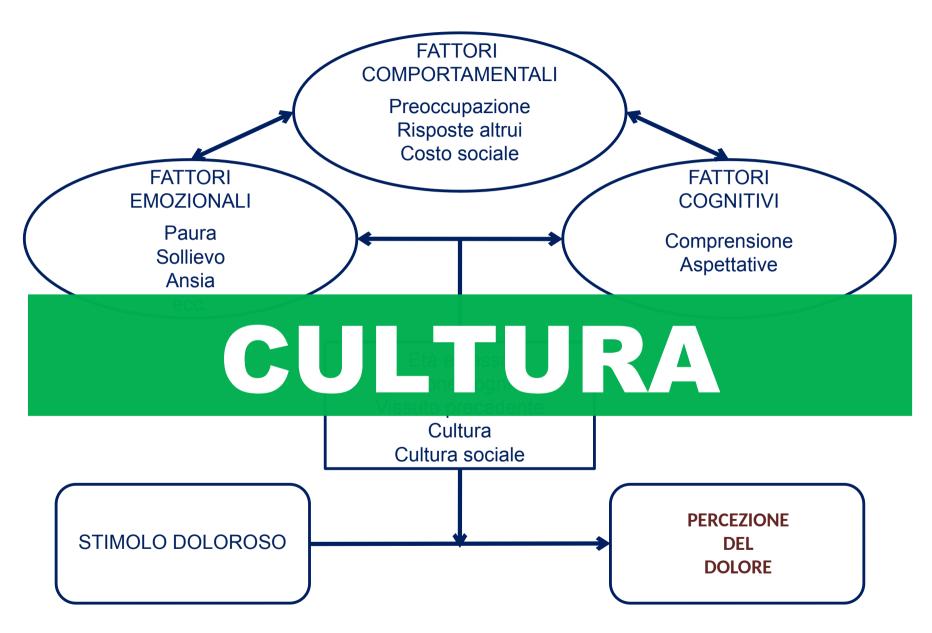


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### Editorial

### Culture and Pain

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During this particular hospitalization, a Cambodian resident physician was rounding on the intensive care unit service. He went into Mrs Prak's room, spent considerable time interviewing her, and upon leaving immediately located her chart. He crossed out the existing order for narcotics and increased the dosage, tripling the previous amount. He also changed the medication to be given in a straight dosing schedule with additional medication as needed.

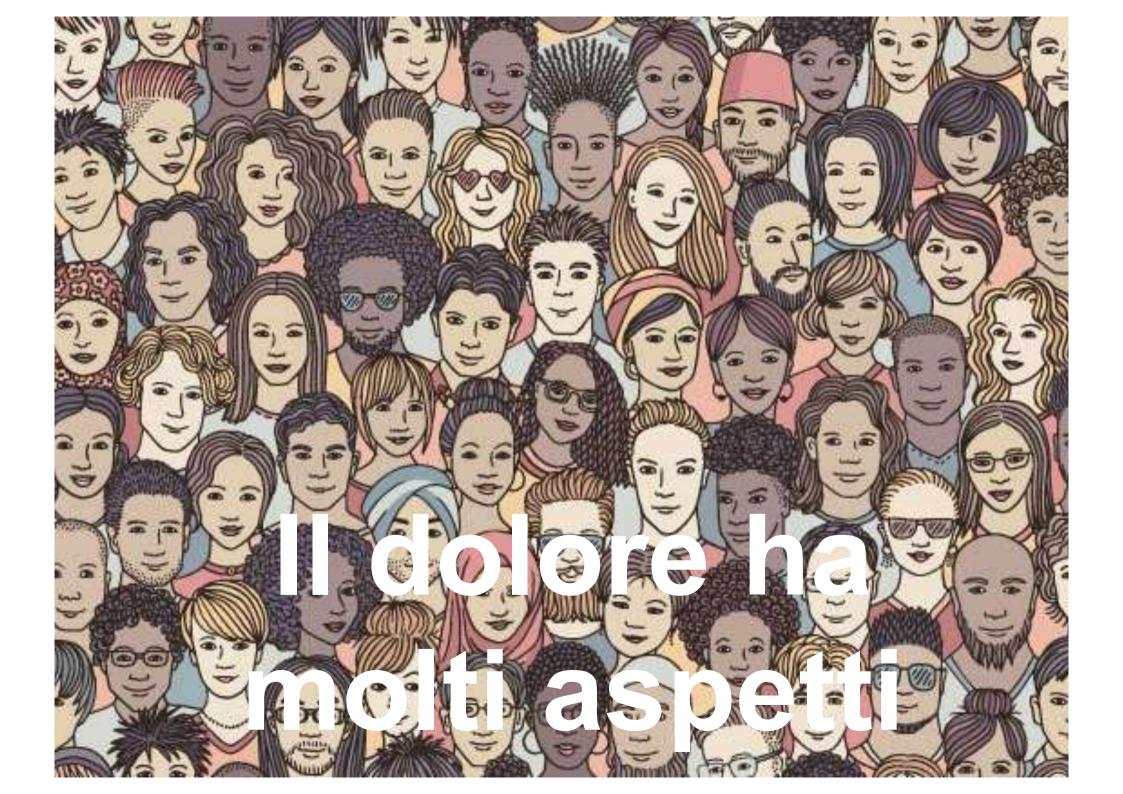
The attending physician, when reviewing the patient's chart, quickly noticed this radical departure from the existing plan of care and questioned the resident. "Mrs Prak has been asked during regular intervals and has not complained about pain," said the attending physician. To which the resident responded, "Not to you."





A further discussion between the attending physician and the resident revealed a cultural variable of importance in the treatment of postoperative patients. Mrs Prak was not asking for much pain medication because she did not want to be a burden to staff. As the resident stated, "She won't complain to you." Culturally, it is of supreme importance for Mrs Prak to be a "good patient." She would tolerate the pain, however extreme, rather than inconvenience staff, who might then perceive her as demanding and therefore think ill of her.







### **Original Article**

# A review of the literature on care of clients in pain who are culturally diverse

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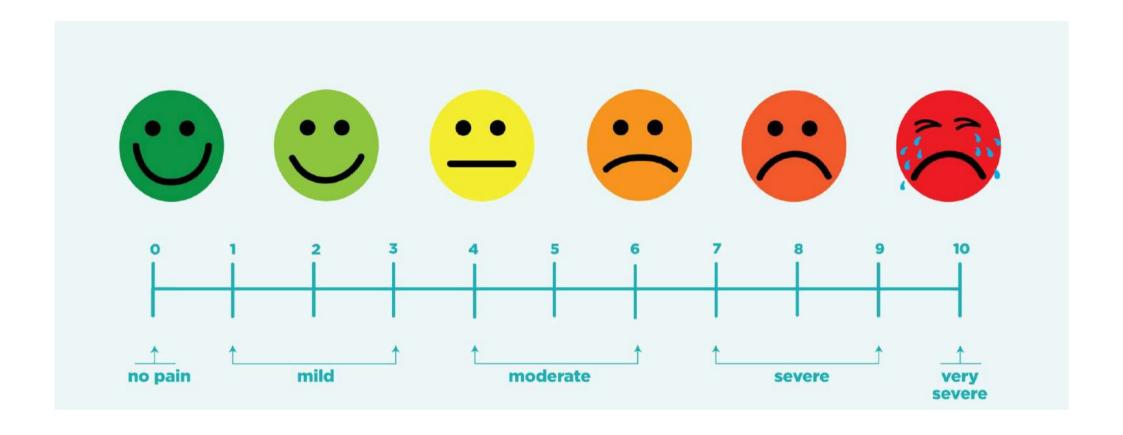


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The Visual Analog Scale (VAS) involves a horizontal or vertical line with word anchors at the extreme of 'no pain' to 'pain as pain as bad as it can be' at the other. The individual is asked to make a mark along the line to represent intensity. A study of Chinese patients' responses to the VAS revealed that it was suitable for assessing pain intensity but that the vertical line presentation was more clearly understood than the horizontal line, Because Chinese is traditionally read vertically downwards and right to left, the vertical presentation is more likely to obtain an accurate reading (Aun et al. 1986).

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# 2. Appreciate variations in affective response to pain

Cultural responses to pain have been divided into two categories: stoic and emotive. Stoic individuals are less expressive of their pain and tend to 'grin and bear it'. Emotive individuals are more likely to verbalize their expressions of pain. As in the scenario at the front of this article, individuals from the Amish culture typically react to pain more stoically and even children are less likely to react to pain with an affective response (Beachy et al. 1997).





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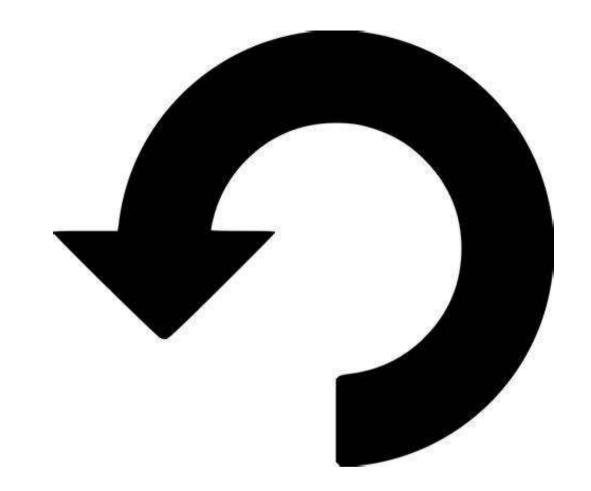




**APPROCCIO EMOTIVO** 







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### 3. Be sensitive to variations in communication styles

Walker et al. (1995) note that in some situations a one-sided style of pain assessment is present. If the answer to a question on pain experience is 'yes', an injection or tablet is given. If 'no', nothing occurs. However, for most health care professionals, there is awareness that pain presents a much more challenging assessment problem than a simple 'yes'/'no' response. Non-verbal communication also differs between cultures. An individual may feel that nonverbal symptoms or expressions, for example, wincing or groaning, are sufficient to describe the pain experienced and verbalization is not needed (Giger





# 4. Recognize that communication of pain may not be acceptable within a culture

In some cultural groups, asking for assistance is considered lack of respect. Thus, asking the nurse for pain medication by a Chinese client may be viewed as taking the nurse away from more important duties (Giger & Davidhizar 1999). A client may view the nurse as a professional who will know client needs without being told and may thus wait passively for pain medication expecting that if it is needed it will be provided.



# 5. Appreciate that the meaning of pain varies between cultures

The meaning of pain frequently differs between people of different cultures. Pain is personal. However, the pain experience is altered by changing circumstances and cultural values, which provide interpretations of pain for the patient (Mathieson & Stam 1995; Morris 1991). Kleinman (1988) reported that individuals attribute meaning to their pain. Meaning of pain may be related to religious beliefs. For example, the majority of Hispanics-

# Culture, Pain, and Culturally Sensitive Pain Care

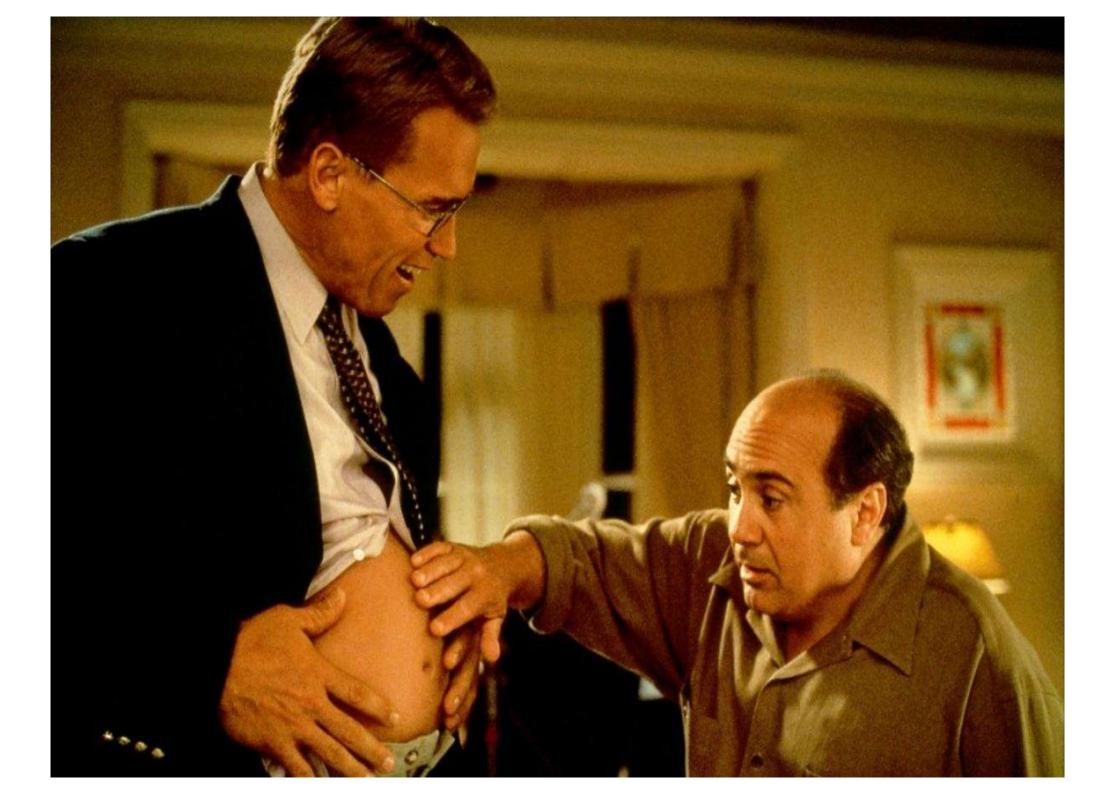
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#### MR. TYLOR'S VIEWS ON THE COUVADE.

By the Couvade, I need scarcely explain, is meant that custom in accordance with which the husband takes to his bed at the birth of a a child and is treated as if he were the mother of it. As is well known, this curious custom has been found in many parts of the world, and in parts so distant from one another as to preclude the idea of imitation. To say nothing of Béarn (whence it has derived its name), and the N.E. of Spain, we hear accounts of it from missionaries in North and South America, particularly in Guiana, in the south of India, in Borneo, and (according to Marco Polo) in China. In classical literature there are three clear allusions to it, viz., Apoll. Rhod., ii, 1011, foll., among the Tibareni, a tribe on the south coast of the Black Sea; Strabo, iii, p. 165, among the Cantabri in the north of Spain; and Diod. Sic., v. 14, in Corsica.

It seems then that, however absurd the custom may appear to us, yet there is some feeling or idea in human nature, at some stage of development, to which it corresponds. The difficulty is to say what this feeling or idea may be. I confess I do not think the explanation given by Mr. E. B. Tylor (Early History of Man, 3rd ed., p. 301, foll.) is entirely satisfactory. By him the term Couvade is extended so as to include another custom which, though no doubt connected with the one above named, is yet distinct from it; I mean the custom by which before or after (or both before and after) the birth of a child the father fasts entirely, or abstains from certain food, or from certain acts, lest he should injure the health of the child. Mr. Tyler's explanation that this is an outward expression of the idea that "the connexion between father and child is not only, as we think, a mere relation of parentage, affection, duty, but that their very bodies are joined by a physical bond; so that what is done to the one acts directly upon the other", is quite convincing, but obviously has reference only to the custom last mentioned, nor indeed does he apply it further.

Next he goes on to say that certain forms of the Couvade (meaning the Couvade strictly so-called) "involve giving over parentage to the father", and he traces a connexion between the two customs by saying (after Bachofen) that the father's going through the dietetic course above mentioned "may naturally become a legal symbol that he is the father". No one can say this is impossible, but the facts as given just before by Mr. Tylor himself, viz., that among certain tribes both parents perform the Couvade, and that among these same tribes, and others (where the father



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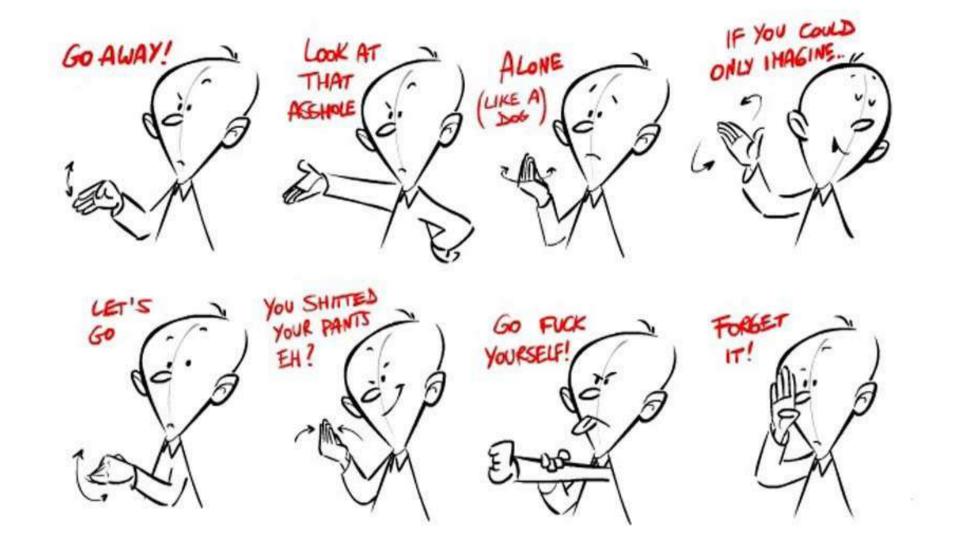
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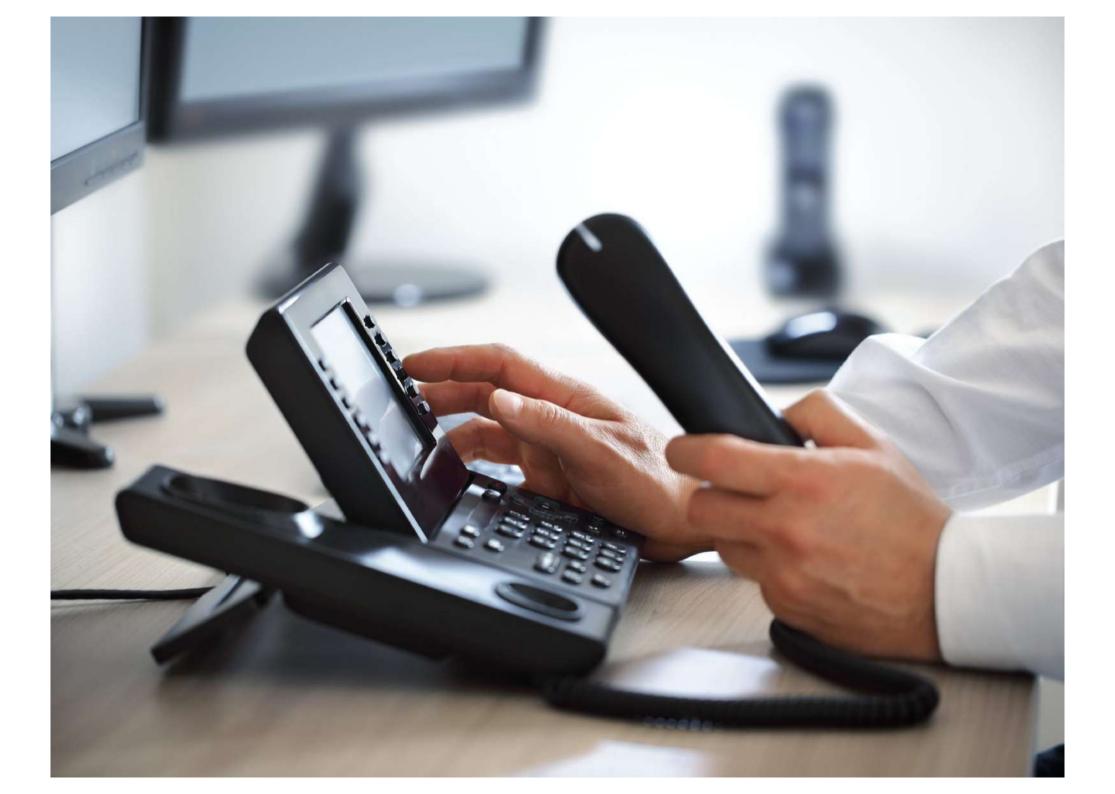
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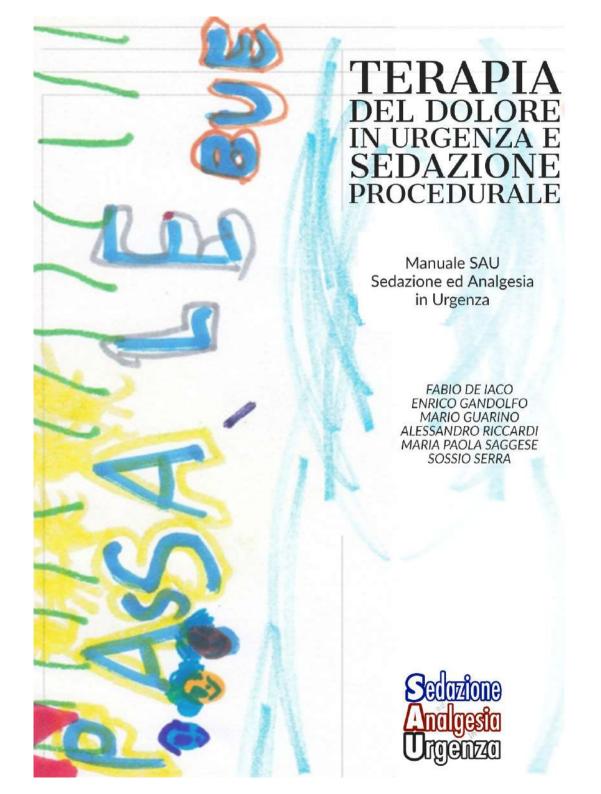
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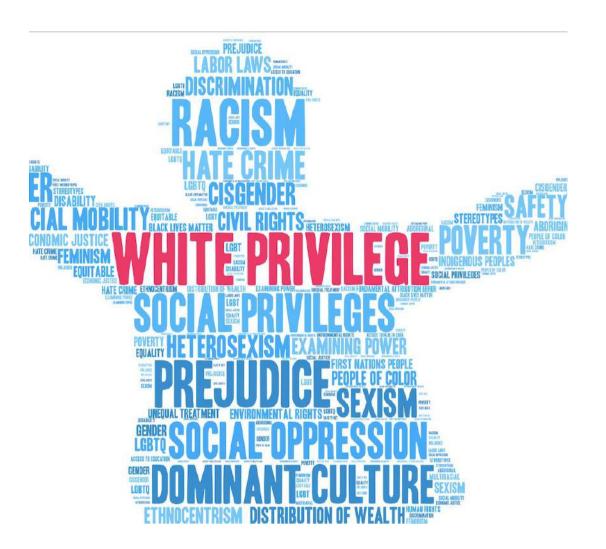
#### An Octopus Headache? A Lamprey Boil? Multisensory Perception of "Habitual Illness" and World View of the Ainu<sup>1</sup>

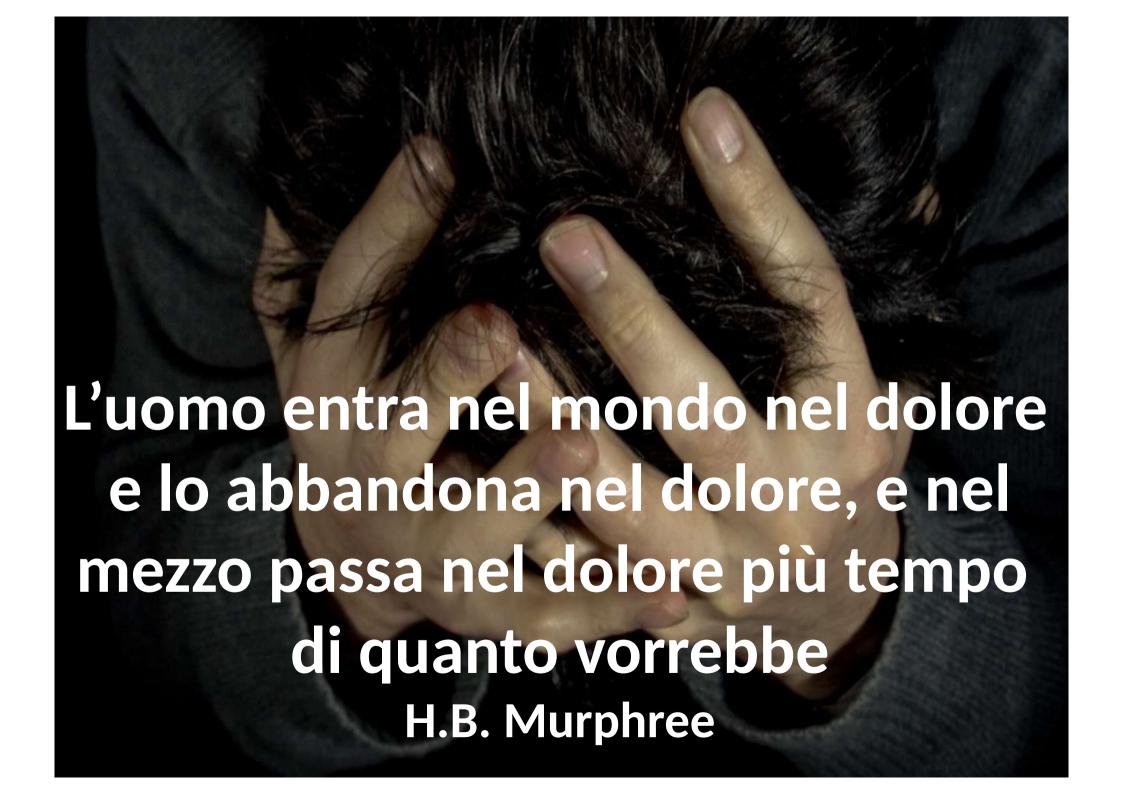
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"Habitual (natural) illnesses," with an implicit assumption of their insignificance, both for the people and the anthropologists, have received little attention in anthropological literature. An analysis of headaches and boils of a group of Sakhalin Ainu now resettled in Japan suggests that the classification of these minor illnesses is intimately related to their world view and that the Ainu view of these illnesses reflects their multisensory perception of their universe.

WITH A STRONG UPSURGE OF INTEREST in illnesses<sup>2</sup> and health care in cross-cultural perspective in recent years, old themes and new interests are steadily increasing our literature concerning what is usually referred to as medical anthropology. A significant part of anthropological publications on illnesses in non-Western societies deals with so-called supernatural illnesses. For these illnesses a soul, a deity, a spirit, a demon, or other "supernatural" (an obvious misnomer) constitutes a pathogen, etiological factor, or a source of power for cure. These illnesses have attracted anthropologists because of their relation







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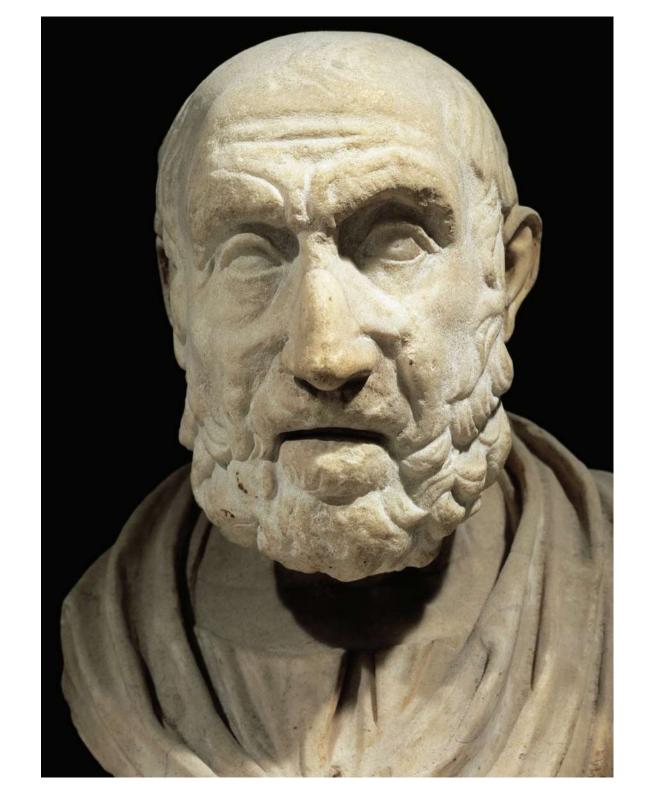
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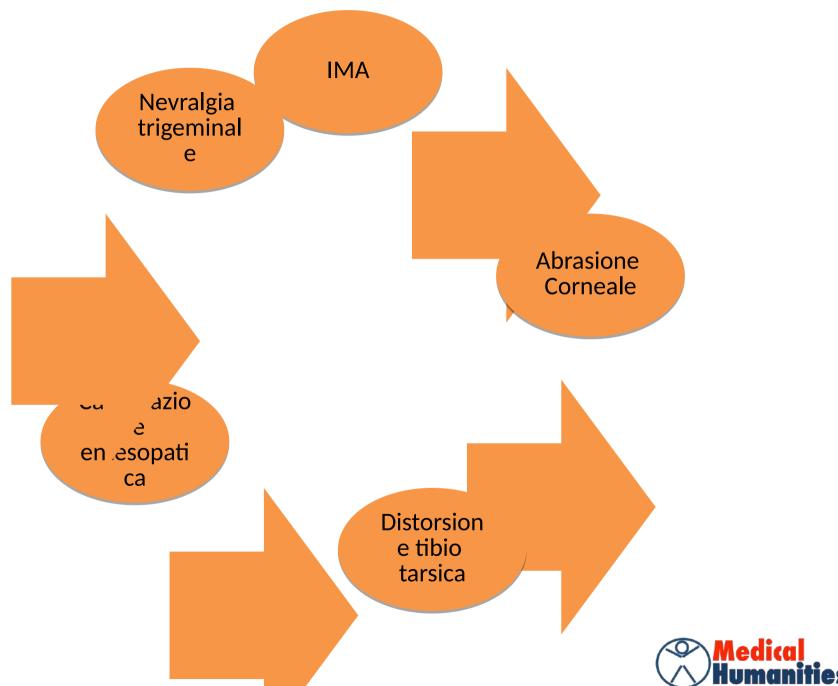
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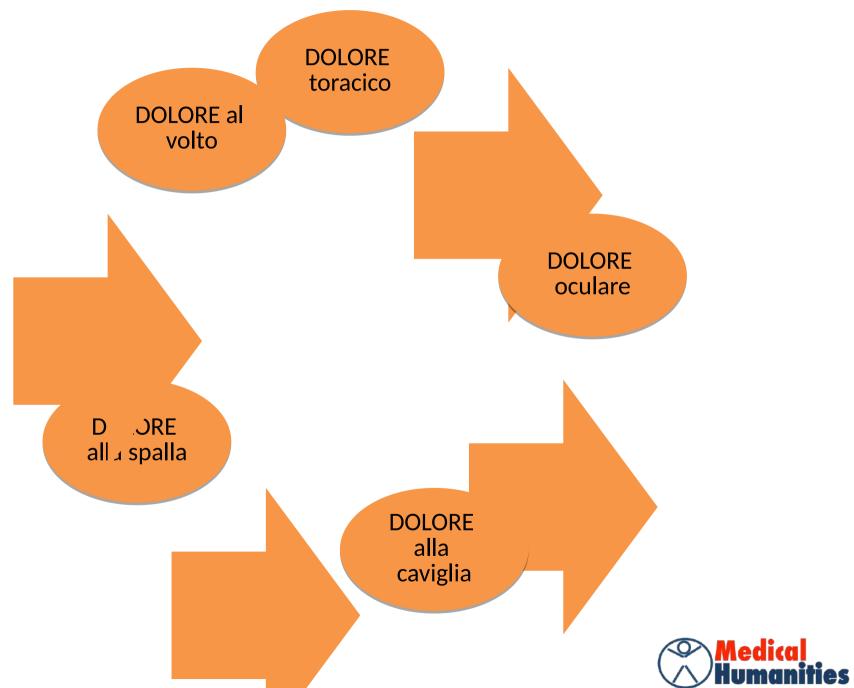
















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