

Social medicine has the power to transform how we understand health and practice medicine. This excellent introduction points to the future, showing how a better understanding of social medicine can actually improve the health of populations.

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This comprehensive book on social medicine provides a hopeful basis for organizing a more humane and democratic global society.

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The authors ask health workers to grapple with how capitalism, imperialism, income inequality, racism, and sexism have harmed people's health and health care systems – and present revolutionary proposals for imagining and creating a more equitable, post-capitalist, and healthier future.

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Social medicine shows that social conditions affect health and illness more than biology does (as in COVID-19), and social change affects the outcomes of health and illness more than health services do. In this critical introduction to social medicine, the authors draw on examples worldwide to show how principles based on solidarity and mutual aid help people construct health-promoting social conditions.

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