

Chapter 2 The body: Cultural definition of anatomy and physiology

CLINICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1 What *alterations* in the shape, size, clothing and surface of the patient's body can be ascribed to his/her socio-cultural background?
- 2 How does the patient conceptualize the *boundaries* of his/her body?
- 3 How does the patient conceptualize the *inner structure* (including the location of organs) of his/ her body?
- 4 How does the patient conceptualize the *inner workings* of his/ her body?
- 5 To what extent do 1, 2, 3 and 4 affect:
 - a the clinical presentation of the patient's condition?
 - b the patient's attitude towards the origin, treatment and prognosis of his/her condition?
- 6 To what extent do 1, 2, 3 and 4 affect the patient's health?
- 7 To what extent do 1, 2, 3 and 4 affect compliance with medical treatment or advice?
- 8 Is medical diagnosis, treatment or advice congruent with 1, 2, 3 and 4?
- 9 In *pregnancy/menstruation/lactation*, to what extent do 1, 2, 3 and 4 affect:
 - a the behaviour and diet of the woman?
 - b the health of the woman?
 - c the health of the foetus or newborn?
- 10 To what extent does the patient's concept of his/her 'body' coincide with that of the 'self'?