

Chapter 4 Caring and curing: the sectors of health care

CLINICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

- 1 What *sectors of health* care can be identified in your society?
- 2 Within these sectors:
 - a who are the patients and who are the healers?
 - b how does one become a patient or a healer?
- 3 How can the health care provided by each sector be *compared*, considering:
 - a the availability of healers?
 - b the cost of consultations?
 - c the formality or informality of consultations?
 - d the length of consultations?
 - e the types of data considered relevant to the consultation?
 - f whether the consultation is private or public?
 - g how diagnosis and treatment are carried out?
 - h who attends the consultation?
 - i the effectiveness (or dangers) in treating disease?
 - j the effectiveness (or dangers) in treating illness?
- 4 Which sources of advice has the patient sought *before* consulting a health professional?
- 5 If *non-professional* advice was sought:
 - a why were non-professionals consulted?
 - b what do they provide that professional advice cannot (the perceived benefits of the advice)?
 - c was the advice effective, or dangerous to health?
- 6 If advice from *health professionals* was sought:
 - a why were they consulted?
 - b what do they provide that non-professionals cannot (the perceived benefits of the advice)?
 - c was the advice effective, or dangerous to health?