

## Chapter 15 Cultural factors in epidemiology

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### CLINICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

#### In studying the origin and distribution of a particular disease:

- 1 To what extent does the perceived *incidence* of the disease depend on:
  - a its actual incidence
  - b its recognition by the population as abnormal
  - c its recognition by the researcher as abnormal?
- 2 What role do *cultural factors* play in (a), (b) and (c)?
- 3 What cultural factors can be linked to the occurrence and/or distribution of the disease in a causal way?
- 4 What cultural factors can be linked to the *spread* of the disease within the population?
- 5 What cultural factors may *protect* some members of the population from the disease?