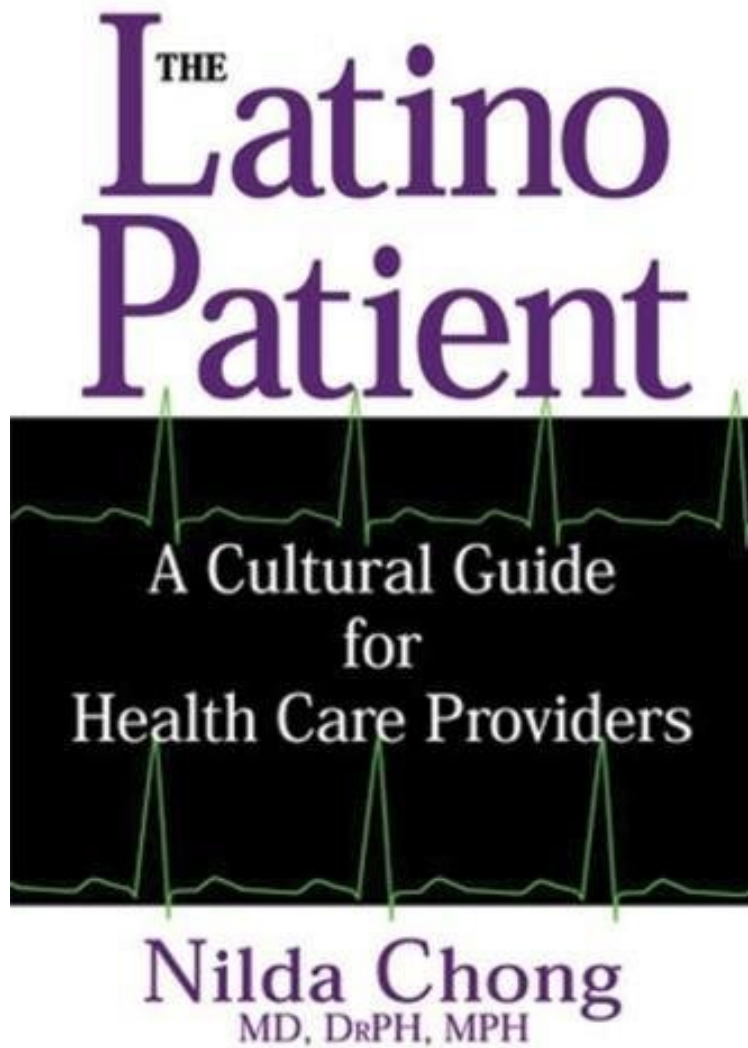


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Great bookBy David LortscherThe Latino Patient: A Cultural Guide for Health Care Providers by Nilda Chong was an excellent introduction to the principles of understanding and communicating with the Latino patient in the U.S. The author had a difficult task, but I feel that she succeeded

especially well in acknowledging the diversity of the Latino population while still focusing primarily on the similarities that are of practical importance to the well-intentioned but inexperienced health care provider. While the book does contain a good amount of Latino-specific information, I estimate that 2/3 of its content would be equally applicable to quality care for any type of patient. This could be disappointing to the more experienced provider, but to a young person such as myself, I found the basic review of respectful patient care to actually be useful. The book is well organized, with five chapters of background information followed by five more chapters that chronologically outline the patient visit. Overall, the author does an excellent job of achieving her intentions of raising awareness and creating a guide for culturally competent care of the Latino patient. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Worth the investment

By Megan Doyle Since a large number of patients in my hospital are Spanish speakers, this book is a very valuable tool for serving this population. It's not enough to just be able to communicate. Understanding the Latino culture is extremely important when addressing their health issues. This book has helped me to address sensitive health issues in a manner that I wouldn't have thought of prior. It definitely increases the trust value between patient and caregiver. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This is what I used in my medical Spanish course

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By 2030 Latinos will comprise roughly 20 percent of the population of the United States. Growing numbers of health professionals are realizing the importance of understanding Latino cultural values as they impact the clinical encounter. Such knowledge can enhance their ability to communicate with and treat Latina patients effectively and respectfully. The Latino Patient provides an in-depth exploration of Latino diversity, relevant cultural values, health status, beliefs, and practices; and effective communication strategies. The author has developed an original, practice-oriented model that leads the reader from greeting the patient to ultimately negotiating treatment. The book is hands-on and provides numerous vignettes gleaned from the author's experience. The Latino Patient should be high-priority reading for physicians, nurses, physician assistants, therapists, clinical psychologists, social workers and other clinicians.

When I was reading The Latino Patient, it felt like my family, my traditions, and my understanding of my culture was being explained...in a clear, respectful and concise way. Dr. Chong has taken a difficult concept and explained it in a way that is easy to comprehend. -- Adriana Linares, MD, MPH, Latino Caucus Chair (2002-2003), American Public Health Association

Nilda Chong has written a highly readable, practical guide that tells non-Latino health care professionals exactly what they need to know...Reading this book has enhanced my appreciation of Latino culture and made me a better doctor. -- Terry Stein, MD, Director, Clinician-Patient Communication, The Permanente Medical Group, Kaiser Permanente

The Latino Patient is a very lucid summary of the principles of cultural competence that should be understood by every health care provider who serves Latino patients. Dr. Nilda Chong has distilled her years of experience. In working with these patients to produce a work that is both informative and a pleasure to read. -- Mohammad N. Akhter, MD, MPH, Executive Director, American Public Health Association

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