

INTRODUCTION

Most health professionals are aware of the thesis that the ideal of health is more than the absence of disease. Few would argue that our efforts to reach this ideal must be augmented. The present influence of societal problems on medical crises is unprecedented. As an initial effort to identify and analyze some of the societal problems which influence the state of health, the Institute for the Study of Health and Society presents the program, "Medicine and Society."

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