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Key topics examined include: socio-theoretical and feminist perspectives of medicine; cultural representations of illness and disease; the language and visual imagery of medicine, illness and disease; and the development of the 'patient' and relations of power in the doctor-patient relationship.



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