Record Nr. UNINA9910143504603321 Healing logics: culture and medicine in modern health belief systems / **Titolo** / edited by Erika Brady Logan, : Utah State University Press, c2001 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-87421-454-8 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (297 pages) : digital, PDF file(s) Altri autori (Persone) BradyErika <1952-> Disciplina 398/.353 398.353 Traditional medicine Soggetti Healing Medical anthropology Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. 211-277) and index. Nota di contenuto Contents; Acknowledgments; Prologue; 1 Introduction; 2 Understanding Folk Medicine: Places and Practitioners: 3 Invisible Hospitals: Botanicas in Ethnic Health Care: 4 The Poor Man's Medicine Bag: The Empirical Folk Remedies of Tillman Waggoner; Communication and the Interplay of Systems; 5 Integrating Personal Health Belief Systems: Patient-Practitioner Communication; 6 Competing Logics and the Construction of Risk; The New Age Dilemma; 7 The New Age Sweat Lodge; 8 Evergreen: The Enduring Voice of a Nine-Hundred-Year-Old Healer; Taking It In: The Observer Healed 9 Reflections on the Experience of Healing: Whose Logic? Whose Experience?10 The Hozho Factor: The Logic of Navajo Healing; Further Investigation; Bibliography: Folklore and Medicine; Contributors; Index Sommario/riassunto Scholars in folklore and anthropology are more directly involved in various aspects of medicine—such as medical education, clinical pastoral care, and negotiation of transcultural issues—than ever before. Old models of investigation that artificially isolated "folk medicine." "complementary and alternative medicine," and "biomedicine" as mutually exclusive have proven too limited in exploring the real-life complexities of health belief systems as they observably exist and are

applied by contemporary Americans. Recent research strongly suggests

that individuals construct their health belief systmes from diverse sources of authority, including community and ethnic tradition, education, spiritual beliefs, personal experience, the influence of popular media, and perception of the goals and means of formal medicine. Healing Logics explores the diversity of these belief systems and how they interact—in competing, conflicting, and sometimes remarkably congruent ways. This book contains essays by leading scholars in the field and a comprehensive bibliography of folklore and medicine.