

USMLE Content

Gender, ethnic, and behavioral considerations affecting disease treatment and prevention, including psychosocial, cultural, occupational, and environmental

- progression through the life cycle, including birth through senescence
 - cognitive, language, motor skills, and social and interpersonal development
 - sexual development
 - influence of developmental stage on physician-patient interview
- psychological and social factors influencing patient behavior
 - personality traits or coping style, including coping mechanisms
 - psychodynamic and behavioral factors, related past experience
 - family and cultural factors, including socioeconomic status, ethnicity, and gender
 - adaptive behavioral responses to stress and illness
 - maladaptive behavioral responses to stress and illness
 - interactions between the patient and the physician or the health care system
 - patient adherence (general and adolescent)