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Perception of Illness and Health Care Among Bhils: A Study of Udaipur District in Southern Rajasthan

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ABSTRACT The study was carried out in two villages namely Madri and Jamun of Jhadol panchayat samiti in Udaipur district of southern Rajasthan. It focuses on perception of illness and health ideology among Bhils. They describe multi- cause for a single illness. They believe that most of the diseases are caused by supernatural powers. Their mode of treatment includes both indigenous and allopathic health care system. Their belief in multi- causational theory regarding occurrence of physical and mental discomfort, past experience, faith and other socio- cultural direct them that as and when, which system should be used.