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Health Seeking Behaviour among Tribes of India

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ABSTRACT Health seeking behaviour are those activities commenced by individuals in response to a symptom experience. Health seeking behaviour is a major concern in tribal health. In this review paper, the researchers presented evidence on health seeking behaviour and its barriers. A significant number of tribal people still use home remedies and approach traditional medicine practitioner /healers. If not cured, they approach private clinics. Barriers for health seeking behaviour identified among tribes of India when visiting hospitals were inaccessibility, lack of infrastructure, manpower and their behaviour, inconvenient visiting hours, disease condition. Also personal issues like fear of losing daily earning, cultural beliefs, affordability, illiteracy and unacceptability.