## **Chapter 14 Discussion Questions**

### 14.1.1 Deprofessionalism

Discuss how you view physicians in regard to power, status, influence, and mystique.

### 14.2.1 Income Gap Countries

What structural changes are needed to decrease the differences in life expectancies between the residents of countries?

### 14.2.2 Healthcare Spending

In your opinion, why are Americans willing to spend so much on healthcare? What should be done to lower the costs?

### More Than a Theory

### 14.3.1 Functionalist

How might increasing the number of insured citizens improve the quality of healthcare for all? What additional measures can be implemented to ensure the healthcare system works to the best of its ability?

### 14.3.2 Conflict

What social policies might be implemented to correct inequalities in the healthcare system? What are the manifest and latent implications of the Affordable Health Care Act? Would eliminating this policy result in new or different problems?

### 14.3.3 Symbolic Interactionist

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### 14.4.1 The Private v. Public Nature of Health

Your textbook addresses the public and private nature of child vaccination. What other examples of personal health troubles can become a public health issue? Can and should a society force its members to follow personal health guidelines to benefit the well-being of the group?

### 14.5.1 Medical Tourism

Would you travel abroad for healthcare? Do you think losing money because patients are going overseas will force hospitals to improve the quality and lower the cost of care at home?