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## **Patients in context: a call for a comprehensive understanding of the medically ill**

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Despite Engel's call for a bio-psycho-social understanding of the patient, the lived experience of the body and the societal aspects of illness are often absent in the psychotherapeutic work with the medically ill. The challenges and benefits of integrating a broader perspective in consultation-liaison psychiatry are illustrated by means of clinical case vignette, which is analyzed from a psychodynamic perspective and complemented by a phenomenological and societal lecture of the patient's lived illness experience.

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