

Utilisation of Health Care in North Bengal: A Qualitative Study on Preference for a Care with Respect to Type of Facility and System of Medicine¹

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ABSTRACT Patients' or households' preference for a particular type of care or system of medicine has an important bearing on the use or non-use of different types of health care in a country like India where both public and private sectors run parallel with six different recognised systems of medicine. The present study does an analysis of user's perception regarding choice of a care and computes importance or salience of different opinions towards utilisation of a care. It collects data following free-listing technique and adopts a simple analytical scheme for quantitative interpretation of qualitative data. The area of the study has been rural and urban areas of Cooch Behar and Jalpaiguri districts of North Bengal (West Bengal, India).