

Monthly Seminar

Anthropology of Children

Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, VU University Amsterdam

Monday 15 March 2010 13.30-15.30

VU University Amsterdam, Metropolitan Building, room Z-007

Medical Checks for Children

Searching for improvements in a universal model for children's health care

Presentation by Judith van den Hoven, AIOS General Practice, Medical Checks for Children

MCC offers general medical healthcare to children in all age categories, that is from 0-18 years of age. However, preventative programs are mainly focused on children under 5 years (because of the poor survival rate under 5 years) and school children. MCC's mission is the improvement of the healthcare of underprivileged children in difficult circumstances by provision of diagnosis and treatment. Together with local contacts, MCC supplies small-scale and individual help (cure and prevention). MCC is not disease-specific orientated. MCC has a generalized approach to the total health care of the child. Through its activities MCC attempts to improve the life expectancy of underprivileged children.

Areas of help are:

- Acute assistance (5-10% of MCC's work load).
- Prevention of disease: early detection and treatment of, for example: worm infections, malnutrition and stunted growth
- Promotion of health by giving advice on the value of sport, good nutrition, lifestyle and child rearing
- Protection of good health by giving advice on nutrition and good hygiene

Visit MCC's website: www.medicalchecksforchildren.nl.



The Anthropology of Children Working Group (based at VU University, Amsterdam) brings together academics and practitioners engaged in research and work with children. Through monthly seminars, the Working Group promotes child-oriented theory, methodology, and research ethics. Besides, it serves as a platform for (interdisciplinary) academic research and it enhances dialogue with practitioners through joint research projects, publications and conferences.

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