

Contents

<i>List of figures</i>	ix
<i>List of tables</i>	xi
<i>Glossary and note on orthography</i>	xii
<i>Preface</i>	xiv
1 Introduction	1
The scope of the study and the premises underlying it	1
The organisation of the data	7
2 Historical perspectives	10
Administration and development	10
Huli sacred geography and the appreciation of change	16
Responses to the European intrusion	26
3 Huli society	38
Social organisation and individual allegiance	39
4 Ideas of health and illness	53
Health	53
Ill health	57
5 Morbidity, explanations and actions: quantitative perspectives	60
The burden of illness	60
Findings	62
Explanations of illness	72
The choice of actions in illness	75
6 Illness attributed to proximate causes	81
The blood	82
Drives	83
Environmental agents	84
Syndromes	86

The quality of Huli illness descriptions	87
Traditional treatments	88
Modern treatments	92
7 Explanations relating to sexuality and growth	97
Mythological precedents	97
Conception to parenthood	100
Traditional healing of <i>agali</i>	106
Symbolic themes	108
Modern marriage and sexuality	110
Cases of <i>kuyanda</i>	111
Cases of <i>guyu naya</i>	113
Cases of <i>agali</i>	113
Determinants in the diagnosis and treatment of <i>agali</i>	116
8 Illness grounded in social relations	124
Illnesses attributed to assault	124
Illness and the emotions	136
Sorcery	144
9 Spirits and God	150
Classes of <i>dama</i>	150
Relations between <i>dama</i> and men	152
<i>Dama</i> attack	155
Christian interpretations of and responses to illness	164
Determinants in these diagnoses	169
10 Patterns of response	173
Decisions in illness	173
Illness and society: reciprocal influences	182
Medical pluralism: continuity and change	186
<i>References</i>	191
<i>Index</i>	195