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**Social dimension and work with the individual - AIDS patient or carrier**

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**Abstract**

“It is already internationally accepted that a disease is not an exclusively biological phenomenon but has a social basis as well. Therefore the health question cannot be solved through care services alone, but through the harmonious coexistence of the individual and his ecological and social environment. The existence of Health Services is a fundamental agent of social organisation and quality of life. The social determination of health which does not deny the biological part of the person, but rather correlates it to the social conditions” (Greek Cancer Society, 1991: 73) is the dimension that rehabilitation sciences, such as Nursing and Social Work, take into account. Hence, social causality should be examined as a determining factor in shaping health. The disciplines participating in the provision of care, rehabilitation and welfare services have vast fields of intervention, which are mostly implemented in the natural space, family, work and social; they always take into account the extent of the framework of the possible needs and causality factors, of problems pertaining to the individual or the community (Agrafiotis, 1993).

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