USMLE Content

Gender, ethnic, and behavioral considerations affecting disease treatment and prevention, including psychosocial, cultural, occupational, and environmental

- progression through the life cycle, including birth through senescence
  - cognitive, language, motor skills, and social and interpersonal development
  - sexual development
  - influence of developmental stage on physician-patient interview

- psychological and social factors influencing patient behavior
  - personality traits or coping style, including coping mechanisms
  - psychodynamic and behavioral factors, related past experience
  - family and cultural factors, including socioeconomic status, ethnicity, and gender
  - adaptive behavioral responses to stress and illness
  - maladaptive behavioral responses to stress and illness
  - interactions between the patient and the physician or the health care system
  - patient adherence (general and adolescent)