

# INFORMED AND HEALTHY

THEORETICAL AND APPLIED PERSPECTIVES ON THE VALUE OF INFORMATION TO HEALTH CARE



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**AUDIENCE**

University students, academics and researchers in health/medical informatics and information studies; health professionals, planners and policy makers as well as information professionals and Development agencies.

## Informed and Healthy

*Theoretical and Applied Perspectives on the Value of Information to Health Care*

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**This enlightening book uses a holistic inductive approach to highlight the value attributed to information by users and its effect on health care, as well as a new model of information behavior in which the value of information drives various information activities.**

### KEY FEATURES

- Provides a new model of information behaviour that emerges inductively from qualitative data
- Focuses on the value of information rather than information needs
- Explains in detail the methodological approach used in value attribution
- Serves as a valuable resource for health professionals, planners, and policy makers, as well as information professionals, academics, researchers and development agencies interested in health information and its applicability in different environments.

### DESCRIPTION

*Informed and Healthy: Theoretical and Applied Perspectives on the Value of Information to Health Care* focuses on two major issues: the value attributed to information by users and its effect on health care; and a new model of information behaviour in which the value of information drives the various information activities (unlike many information models which tend to give prominence to information needs). The inductive development of the model is explained, with associated implications for theory and transferability or applicability elsewhere.

The book uses rich qualitative data to document and explain the health information services in Uganda and expands the analysis by comparing it to other services and systems utilized by different countries at diverse levels of development

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