

Movies can provide you with a glimpse in to another world, explain a part of history and help you connect with patients.

- 28 Days (2000)- alcoholism and rehab
- 28 Days Later (2002) *and* 28 Weeks Later (2007)- escape of deadly virus
- A Beautiful Mind (2001)- a math genius suffers from schizophrenia
- A Mother's Prayer (1995)- a mother plans for her son after she's diagnosed with AIDS
- A Place for Annie (1994)- child with AIDS abandoned at birth
- A Private Matter (1992)- woman chooses to have an abortion after she finds out the fetus has severe problems
- Altered States (1980)- thriller about the research on altered states of consciousness
- Amnesia: The James Brighton Enigma (2005)- total loss of memory and its affects
- And The Band Played On (1993)- about the beginning of AIDS and the politics involved
- Article 99 (1992)- VA hospital with administration problems
- Awakenings (1990)- a new drug has coma patients waking up
- Boys on the Side (1995)- interactions regarding AIDS, homosexuality
- Bringing Out The Dead (1999)- burn out
- Britannia Hospital (1982)- psychiatric hospital that mirrors the downsides of Britain
- Carandiru (2003)- doctor initial arrives at a prison to study HIV but begins to see the people behind the infection
- Cider House Rules (1999)- a doctor of sorts deals with choosing to perform abortions or not
- City of Joy (1992)- working in the slums of Calcutta
- Clean and Sober (1988)- following a man who is dealing with cocaine addiction
- Coma (1978)- a doctor investigates why patients are showing up with brain damage after minor procedures
- Contagion (2011)- watch an epidemic unfold
- Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet (1940)- profile of Dr. Paul Ehrlich as he works on diphtheria and syphilis
- Dr. Lucille (2000)- about Canada's first female surgeon, set up a hospital in Uganda
- Enough (2002)- examines how a woman can become trapped in an abusive relationship
- Erin Brockovich (2000)- company poisons water around factory
- Fantastic Voyage (1966)- 'mission' to destroy a blood clot- after being shrunk and injected into the man who is ill
- First Do No Harm (1997)- alternative therapies
- Flatliners (1990)- death and beyond
- Gattaca (1997)- genetic selection
- Girl, Interrupted (1999)- depression and mental health
- Gross Anatomy (1989)- first year medical students
- Infection (aka Kansen, 2004)- short-staffed hospital makes dangerous errors
- Instinct (1999)- PTSD
- Interspace (1987)- scientist is shrunk and injected into a random store clerk by accident
- Iris (2001)- relationships change as a novelist suffers from Alzheimer's Disease
- Island of Dr. Moreau (1996)- effects of mixing DNA from different species
- John Q (2002)- access to health care
- Leaving Las Vegas (1995)- an alcoholic attempts to drink himself to death
- Longtime Companion (1990)- follows a group of gay men in NYC through the early AIDS epidemic
- Lorenzo's Oil (1992)- about ALD, a degenerative disorder dealing with fatty acid chains
- M*A*S*H (movie 1970, series 1972-1983)- medicine on the frontlines during the Korean War

- Mask (1985)- craniofacial disorder affects a teen
- Medicine Man (1992)- scientist searches for a cancer cure in the jungle
- Mesmer (1994)- about power of hypnosis (guy 'invented' it)
- Mindwalk (1990)- dry movie where politician, poet and a scientist debate various topics
- Miss Evers' Boys (1997)- about syphilis in Alabama in 1930s- started Internal Review Boards
- Mr. Brooks (2007)- serial killer with an alter ego
- Mr. Jones (1993)- dealing with manic depressive
- My Own Country (1998)- working in rural Tennessee during the beginning of AIDS epidemic
- Nell (1994)- psychiatrist and physician work to reach a woman found living in the woods
- Niagara, Niagara (1997)- about Tourette's and depression
- No Way Out (1950)- racial tensions between white patients and a black doctor
- On the Edge (2001)- dealing with depression
- One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (1975)- psych ward medicine
- One True Thing (1998)- how cancer diagnosis affects the whole family
- Osmosis Jones (2001)- a white blood cell and cold pill stop a virus from inside the human
- Outbreak (1995)- monkeys spread disease, who knew?
- Panic in the Streets (1950)- a doctor has to track down a killer infected with the plague
- Patch Adams (1998)- a doctor who used humor to treat patients
- Philadelphia (1993)- AIDS and discrimination in the workplace
- Pi (1998)- a paranoid and obsessive math genius deals with life
- Proof (2005)- daughter comes to terms with her father's death complicated by mental insanity
- Race for the Double Helix (1987)- story of the discovery of DNA helix
- Regarding Henry (1991)- memory loss/ amnesia
- Reign Over Me (2007)- mental affects of grief following the loss of a family
- Requiem for a Dream (2000)- a stark look at how horrible addictions can be
- Safe (1995)- quack remedies and hard to diagnose patients
- Something the Lord Made (2004)- about development of heart surgery
- State of Emergency (1994)- in an overworked ER, docs make tough choices
- Super Size Me (2004)- effect of fast food on health
- Sybil (1976) *and* The Three Faces of Eve (1957)- both about multiple personality disorder
- The Butcher Boy (1997)- kid suffers a psychotic breakdown and commits murder
- The Citadel (1938)- a doctor investigates the origins of a cough among the local miners
- The Diving Bell and the Butterfly (2007)- an editor suffers a stroke that completely paralyzes him
- The Doctor (1991)- doctor diagnosed with throat cancer sees medicine from the patient's perspective
- The Great Moment (1944)- development and introduction of ether (first anesthesia)
- The Hospital (1971)- surgery
- The Island (2005)- eugenics
- The Red Angel (1966)- army nurse deals with the horror of war
- The Stepmom (1998)- death and dying
- The Theory of Flight (1998)- person is assigned to care for patient with ALS as community service
- The Wild Child (1969)- true story of attempts to educate a child found living in the forest
- Tuesdays with Morrie (1999)- a journalist talks to his mentor who is dying from ALS
- Unforgettable (1996)- using a drug to relive the memories of another person to find a killer
- Vital Signs (1990)- follows 3rd year med students
- Waterdance (1992)- dealing with paralysis
- Where the Green Ants Dream (1984)- mining company deals with invading Aborigine land
- Wit (2001)- dealing with cervical cancer from patient perspective

TV Series:

Chicago Hope

ER

Grey's Anatomy

M*A*S*H

Nip/Tuck

Quincy, MD

Scrubs

St. Elsewhere

(Many shows on Discovery Channel, TLC and Discovery Health)

Lists of numerous movies based on the mental health condition they deal with:

<http://www.cinematherapy.com/>

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