

Philosophy 3330 Spring 2021
Reading questions #11
Due Tue, April 6

Read Chapter 1 of Jacob Stegenga's *Care and Cure: An Introduction to Philosophy of Medicine* and then answer the following questions. Your answers should be uploaded in Blackboard.

1) It seems obvious that health is somehow connected to disease. The neutralist about health just says that health *just is* the absence of disease and nothing else. But some people disagree and think that we need a "positive" conception of health. What else might be included in a positive conception? Assuming that this "positive" conception is right, does that mean that a healthy person could have diseases? (what kind? How many?) Does it mean that a person with no diseases could be not healthy? What do you think about these possibilities? Is a positive conception of health better than a negative one?

2) Health seems connected to well-being. But is well-being objective? Or subjective? Look at the examples in section 1.4. Is the older man with prostate cancer who doesn't notice healthy? What about the solitary monk? Is he healthy? Do you think that well-being (and health?) is objective? Or all (or partly?) subjective?

3) After reading the chapter, try to come up with a question that you want answered or a topic that you would like to be discussed further. This could be something that the chapter forced you think about or it could be something that you thought was particularly confusing in the chapter.