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SOCIAL CLASS AND HEALTH STATUS: INEQUALITY OR DIFFERENCE

Occasional Paper 25

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CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES, PROBLEMS AND PROCEDURES 1984

Occasional Paper 26

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The printed version, published as *Occasional Paper 26*, describes the background of the classification, offers guidance on its use, and gives the classification in full, first in code order and then in alphabetical groups.

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