Medical Movies

- 28 Days (2000) - alcoholism and rehab
- 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 initially 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
- Dr. Ehrlich’s Magic Bullet (1940) - profile of Dr. Paul Ehrlich has 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)
http://www.amazon.com/Movies-Mental-Illness-Understand-Psychopathology/dp/088937371X/ref=dp_ob_title_bk/180-9068677-4283508 Movies and Mental Illness