

# Culture Faith Traditions and Health

## Websites

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### **American Medical Association Cultural Competence**

<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/2661.html>

This site includes Cultural Competence Compendium contents, cultural competence articles in American Medical news, and related cultural competence links.

### **Community University Health Clinic**

<http://www.ahc.umn.edu/CUHCC/>

Minneapolis, MN

CUHC is a community clinic offering medical, dental, and mental health services. Their services are provided primarily to economically disadvantaged, underserved, and high-risk populations in ways that are consistent with a prototypic model of a community-based, health care delivery program. Their services are provided by a professionally competent, multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural, community-based staff.

### **Cross Cultural Health Care Program**

<http://www.xculture.org/resource/library/index.cfm>

Recognizing the diversity and the different ways to health, the mission of the Cross Cultural Health Care Program is to serve as a bridge between communities and health care institutions to ensure full access to quality health care that is culturally and linguistically appropriate. The goal of the CCHCP library is to provide current and often difficult to obtain resources on cross-cultural health care.

### **CultureMed**

<http://www.sunyit.edu/library/html/culturemed/>

The SUNY Institute of Technology library is the home of "CulturedMed", a website promoting culturally-competent health care for refugees and immigrants. The library also houses a research center containing relevant print materials. Several websites related to culture and healthcare are listed on this site, as well as bibliographies on culturally competent care for various ethnic groups (e.g., African, Asian, Hmong, Russian, etc.) and cultural aspects (e.g., cultural competency, death and dying, food, etc.).

### **Ethnomed: Ethnic medicine information from Harborview Medical Center**

<http://ethnomed.org/>

The EthnoMed site contains information about cultural beliefs, medical issues and other related issues pertinent to the health care of recent immigrants to Seattle or the U.S., many of whom are refugees fleeing war-torn parts of the world. They also provide cultural profiles of various groups including Cambodian, Chinese, Eritrean, Ethiopian, Mexican, Oromo, Somali, Tigrean, Vietnamese, etc.

### **Hmong Cultural Center, Inc.**

<http://www.hmongcenter.org/index.html>

The mission of the Hmong Cultural Center is to promote the personal development of children, youth, and adults through Hmong cultural education while providing resources that enhance cross-cultural understanding between Hmong and Non-Hmong people. The Hmong Cultural Center's Hmong Resource Center is the site of perhaps the most comprehensive collection of Hmong-related literature, scholarly research, and multimedia materials in North America.

### **Resources for Cross Cultural Health Care**

<http://www.diversityrx.org/HTML/WERCCCH.htm>

Resources for Cross Cultural Health Care is a national network of individuals and organizations in ethnic communities and health care organized to offer technical assistance and information on linguistic and cultural competence in health care. Particular areas of expertise among members, staff, and consultants include medical interpretation program design and training, cross cultural assessment and training, and development of linguistically and culturally competent health care programs, policies, and laws, especially Medicaid managed care policy and Title VI enforcement. Services include program design, policy development and analysis, research, and community advocacy. Through a variety of mechanisms, this non-profit organization provides critical expertise and assistance in the design and delivery of health services for culturally diverse communities.

### **The Center for Cross-Cultural Health**

<http://www.crosshealth.com>

The Center for Cross-Cultural Health is a Minnesota based organization whose mission is “to integrate the role of culture in improving health.” The Center is actively involved in the education and training of health and human service providers and organizations in the State of Minnesota and beyond. The Center is also a research and information resource. Included on their site is their favorite cross-cultural websites <http://www.crosshealth.com/links.htm>

The Center has also created profiles of some of the larger cultural groups in Minnesota. These profiles provide health care providers with background information when assisting and treating different cultural groups. Profiles presently available are Albanian, Bosnian, Hmong, Nuer, Jewish American, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese, European American, Russian Jewish, and Somali. [http://www.crosshealth.com/community\\_profiles.htm](http://www.crosshealth.com/community_profiles.htm)

### **The Office of Minority Health CLAS Standards**

<http://www.omhrc.gov/clas/>

The site contains the draft and final Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards, Federal Register Notice and Public Comment Process, summary reports from regional meetings, a Comprehensive Final Report, and Executive Summary.

### **University of California San Francisco Department of Medicine**

<http://medicine.ucsf.edu/resources/guidelines/culture.html>

The UCSF site provides a comprehensive list of cross cultural resources (transcultural, multicultural; cultural competency) including curriculums, articles, books, cultural competency,

multilingual/bilingual resources, organizations, information on specific groups, and other resources.

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Limited English Proficiency (LEP)**

[www.hhs.gov/ocr/lep](http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/lep)

The Department of Health and Human Services, through the Office for Civil Rights, promotes and ensures that people have equal access to and opportunity to participate in and receive services in all HHS programs without facing unlawful discrimination. Through prevention and elimination of unlawful discrimination, the Office for Civil Rights helps HHS carry out its overall mission of improving the health and well-being of all people affected by its many programs.

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health (OMH)**

<http://www.omhrc.gov/omhrc/>

The OMH serves as a national resource and referral service on minority health issues. The center collects and distributes information on a wide variety of health topics, including substance abuse, cancer, heart disease, violence, diabetes, HIV/AIDS and infant mortality. The Resource Center also facilitates the exchange of information on minority health issues. Unlike a clearinghouse, OMH-RC offers customized database searches, publications, mailing lists, referrals, and more regarding American Indian and Alaska Native, African American, Asian American and Pacific Islander, and Hispanic populations.