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From the formation of reservations, Native Americans have faced many difficulties and continue to deal with cultural barriers today. Particularly within a medical setting, there is a worldview disconnect between western medicine and traditional Native healing. It would be useful to interview Native pupils to learn about their uses of traditional healing currently and their experiences with both western medicine and traditional practices. The understanding of Native American healing can help physicians treat Native American patients more effectively through understanding their values and improving their doctor-patient relationship.

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