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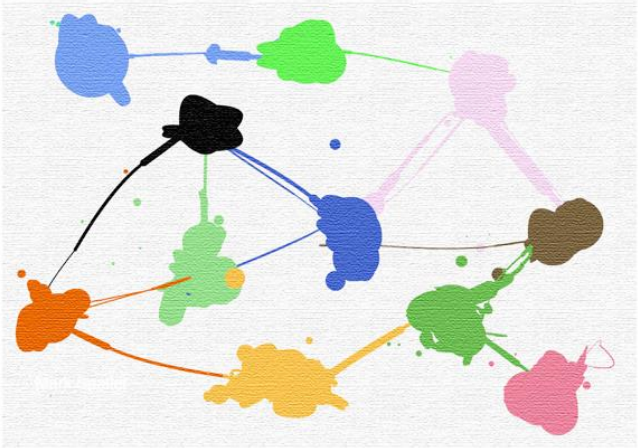

Inseparable elements

Cultural constructs

Effects

Let’s act!

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“The Triple Threat”

Cultural barriers
LEP
Low HL

Health Literacy

“…obtain, process, and understand…”

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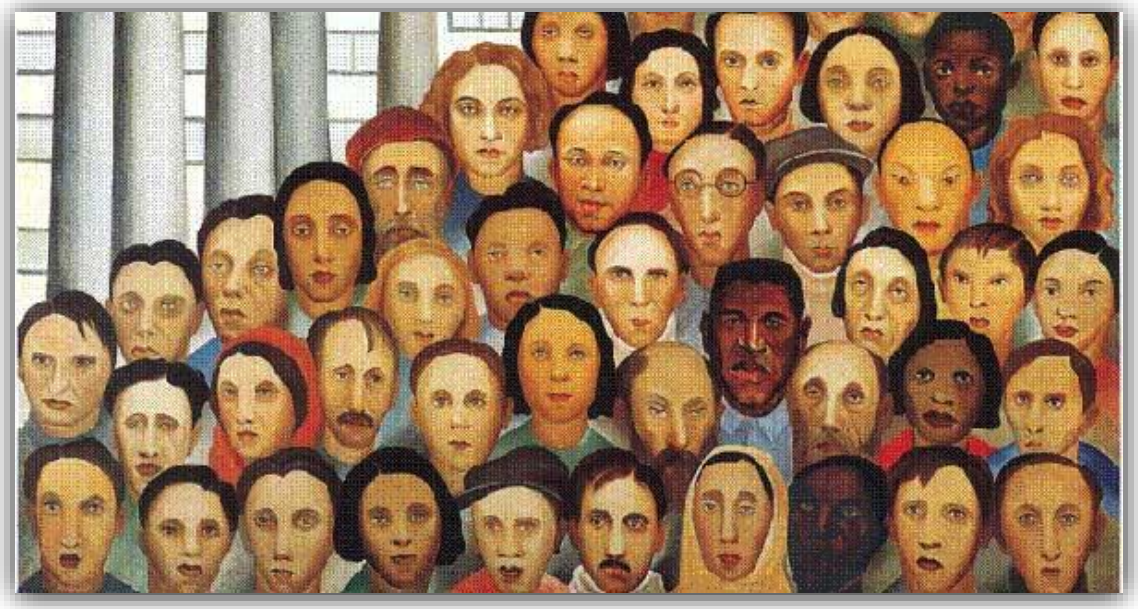

Culture

"…learned, shared and transmitted knowledge of values, beliefs, and lifeways…"

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Language

“…body of words…common to a people…”

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L E P

Limited English Proficiency

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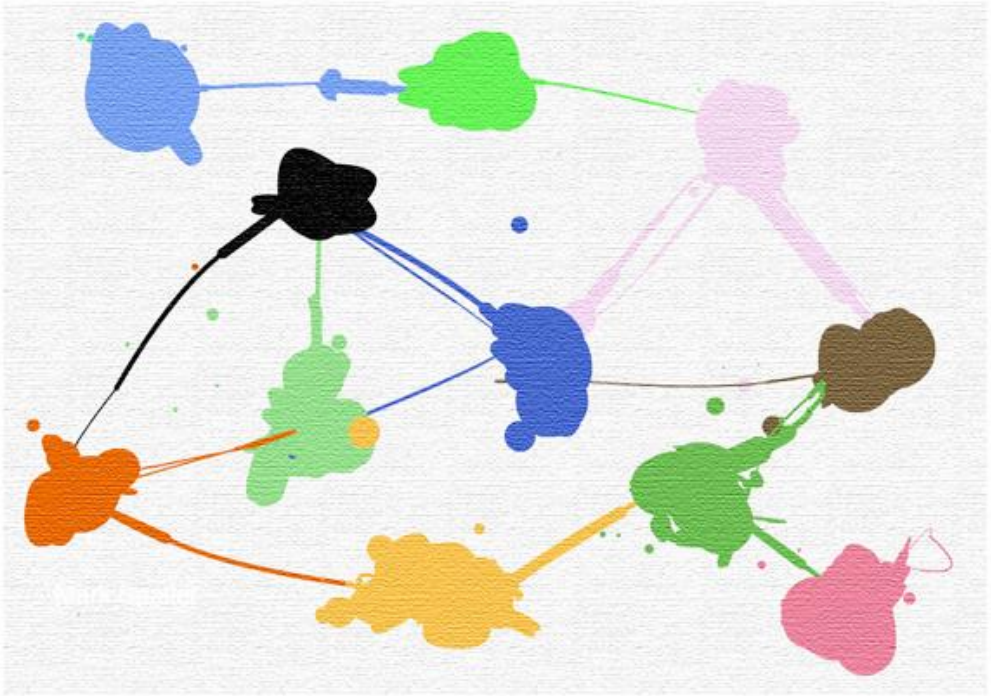

Interrelationships

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Magico-religious

Biomedical

Deterministic

Cultural Constructs

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Familism vs individualism

Time orientation

High context vs low context

Cultural Constructs

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Reading and writing

Listening and speaking

Numeracy

Critical thinking and decision making

Effects of Culture and Language

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Self assessment

Patient assessment

Professional education

Interdisciplinary collaboration

Patient advocacy

Educational materials

What can we do?

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Conclusions

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