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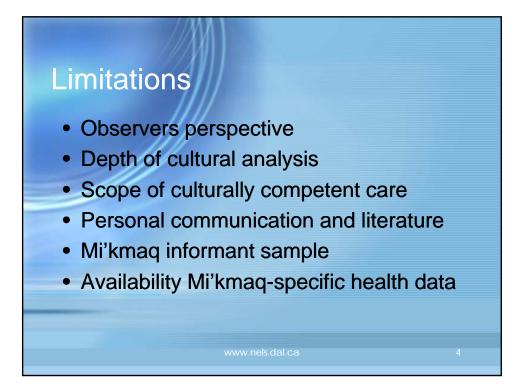
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## Culture

"Culture must be understood as a system of meaning that which provides an understanding of the interrelationship of man, the natural world and of the spiritual or supernatural world. Culture affords a perspective to life by determining the social elements of behavior, attitudes, values and aspirations as well language, spiritual as expression, social organization, political structures and economics."

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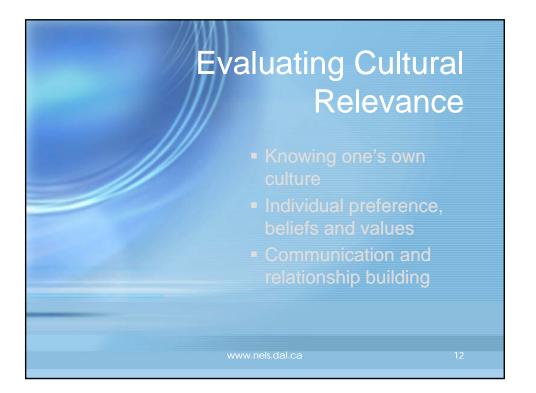
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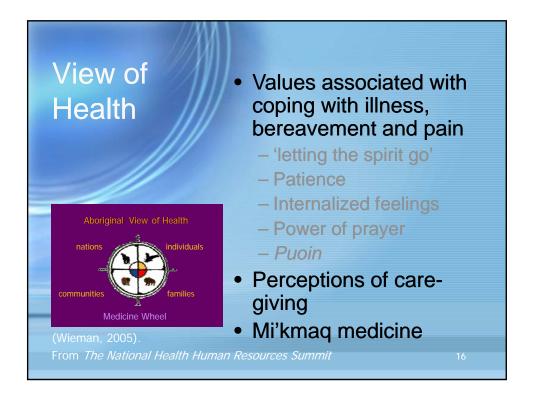












"(The biomedical) way of knowing has not been successful in our communities because there is more to health than lack of disease. We must also look at the causes of disease and sickness in our communities. These causes are linked to the loss of our economies, our societies, our land, and our culture."

