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## Communicating About Dementia

- No words to describe dementia in tribal languages
- In Indian Country the manifestations of dementia are not necessarily seen as a disease:
  - Full circle of life/Having a child-like quality again
  - Part of the dying process

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## Other Communication Issues

### Distrust:

- Historic distrust of non-indigenous people
- Fear of insensitive providers who may refuse to accept beliefs and customs
- Western Medicine vs. Traditional Native Medicine

### Familiarity:

- With other medical providers, such as IHS

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## Diagnostic Tools

- Mini Mental Status Exam
- Montreal Cognitive Assessment
- St. Louis University Mental Status
- Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale

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## What does this all mean for New Mexico?



Here in New Mexico we have a large population of indigenous people. There are 23 federally recognized tribes.

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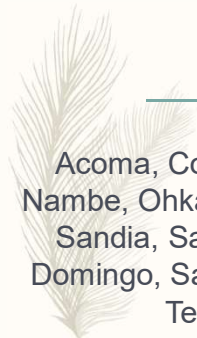
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## 19 Pueblos



Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Laguna, Nambe, Ohkay Owingeh, Picuris, Pojoaque, Sandia, Santa Ana, Santa Clara, Santo Domingo, San Felipe, San Ildefonso, Taos, Tesuque, Zia, and Zuni

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## 3 Apache Tribes/Nation



Jicarilla

Mescalero

Fort Sill

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## Navajo Nation

Which covers portions of New Mexico, Arizona and Utah

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## There are many different tribal languages

Each tribe has its own rich history of experiences, beliefs and traditions

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## What other issues are there in Indian Country when it comes to dementia?

Lack of services and/or access to services.

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# Resources

What culturally competent resources are out there in Indian Country?



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## Other Culturally Competent Resources

Banner Alzheimer's Institute in AZ  
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602-839-6858

Tribal Senior Centers and Adult Day Cares



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