Statistics show that Pennsylvania is home to more than 45,000 Amish individuals, which leaves a very high chance a health care employee will work with their culture at one point in their career. Lancaster County alone harbors 297 different Amish church districts, also the largest Amish settlement in the United States. (Health, 2014)

References


How to Help

The Amish often feel uncomfortable and awkward when put in situations where they have to socialize in modern society. The limited education within these communities leads to a lack of understanding the healthcare industry. Their rural attitudes aid the Amish in choosing a health care provider based on not how much they know, but how compassionate and caring a provider is. Their family-centered culture makes it important for them to put the care of their loved ones in the hands of someone they can trust. If “English” health care employees make Amish feel comfortable in the industry, we will be able to provide a safe experience for them to return to on any occasion.

How Can We Help?

It is our mission in the healthcare field to provide excellent care for any patient that walks through the door. Each individual is different and requires certain levels of attention. We can help make the Amish feel at home by...

- Make them feel welcomed in our healthcare system
- Assure understanding of their values and needs
- Adjust care based on religious requirements
- Respect all of the patients' requests

The Amish Solution

Amish utilize the following before seeking modern medical attention

- Vitamins
- Homeopathic Remedies
- Health Foods

A Unique Culture

Since migrating from Switzerland in 1727, the Amish have been known to lead simple lives which revolve around the word of the lord. They lead very different lifestyles from everyday Americans, and it is important for anyone venturing into the healthcare field to be aware of the differences they will face if they ever encounter an Amish individual in the field. This pamphlet covers basics of the Amish’s health care views to help future healthcare employees provide culturally sensitive care. (Brewer & Bolamuni, 2006)

Located in the Brochure

- Amish Healthcare Alternatives
- Tips on Providing Care
- Amish Healthcare Facts
- Extra Resources

How Will This Help You?

Being culturally savvy can benefit any employee who encounters different cultures on a daily basis. Be informed and be a better provider!