Improving Cultural Approaches to Pediatric Palliative Care in Central Massachusetts

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World’s People in Central Massachusetts

Country specific information includes:
- Geography
- General Cultural Information
- Family Structure
- Communication Style
- Religious Practice
- Dietary Practices
- Concepts of Health and Wellness
- Local Community Information
- References

Communication Style

Brazilians provide many details when offering information. They are always very courteous and will stop the conversation to summarize it for those who cannot keep up. They are comfortable with verbal confrontation, although confrontation does not happen between a younger and an older person. It is considered impolite to say “no” directly to a healthcare provider; clinicians should not assume patients have necessarily concurred. Brazilians greet everyone with a hug. If the newcomer is a family member, friend, or acquaintance, a kiss on each cheek is included. Handshakes are appropriate when strangers are introduced or in formal situations, both for greetings and good-byes. If two men are well acquainted, a slap on the shoulder or stomach, or a sustained pat on the back, may accompany the handshake and last into the conversation.