

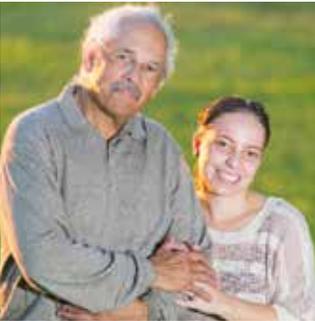
## Cultural Competency Case Studies



### CASE ONE

An Afghani Muslim woman lived in a refugee camp and then immigrated to Canada a couple of years ago. She has just been matched with a male family physician through Health Care Connect. She is here to see her doctor for a scheduled intake history and physical. She brought her 21 year old daughter in to interpret for her.

The doctor offers the woman a Pap test. The woman is not sure that she needs this test given that her Muslim faith prohibits pre-marital sex and it is unlikely she has been exposed to HPV.



### CASE TWO

A 62 year old man from Honduras is in a family physician office for his physical exam. The patient does not speak English, so he brought his 17 year old daughter to in to interpret for him.

During the physical assessment the doctor asks about GI symptoms. The patient replied he did not have symptoms; however he had a positive family history for colorectal cancer.

When the doctor explained the colonoscopy procedure to the patient, he noticed the patient becoming uncomfortable.



### CASE THREE

A 56 year old refugee woman from Nepal came to see her family physician. She has only seen a physician twice in the past for febrile illness while she was in a refugee camp. She was also monitored by a midwife for the delivery of her three children. There is no known past medical or surgical history. She does not take any medications.

During a visit for a cough, it was also suggested by her family physician that she was now due for breast screening. She states, "Whatever is destined will happen."