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# Preserving and Perpetuating Indigenous CHamoru Healing Practices

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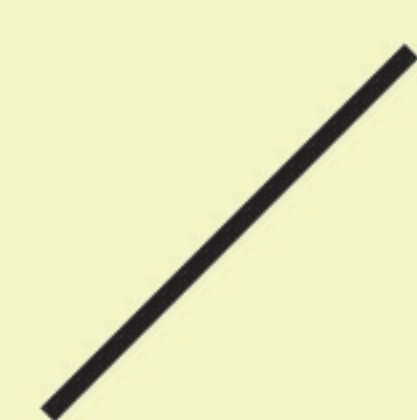
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Traditional CHamoru healing practices on the island of Guahan (Guam) have steadily declined over the last two decades, with less than 10 healers (living) available to address physical and spiritual ailments of the CHamoru people. The CHamoru people are experiencing a crisis of losing Yo'amte (CHamoru healers) and the perpetuation and preservation of the indigenous knowledge.

How can we preserve and perpetuate traditional healing practices? The cultural rules/norms share that a healer must pass down his/her knowledge to someone in their family. Through numerous interviews with healers, they share that they have identified someone, however, that family member is not ready or has declined. This is a cultural crisis. Are we able to modify our cultural norms or we will allow our traditional healing practices to die? Some ideas of how to save our traditional healing practices and honoring our cultural norms will be discussed.



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