Objectives: Increase understanding of preventing suicide among Native American Veterans and the VHA’s suicide prevention program by covering information on suicide among Native American Veterans and the VHA’s approach to partnering with communities including Native Nations. We will discuss warning signs of suicide and what to do, including resources to contact or refer Veterans to and the role of VHA suicide prevention coordinators in supporting Veterans.

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