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Abstract: This research examines the space between the following concepts and how they related to wellness for Tlingit women: their worldview concerning wellness, the relationship between cultural ties and distance from acknowledge lands of the Tlingit nation, and the perception of tribal/Indian Health Services hospitals adapting practices in accordance to homogenized Native American traditions. The women are interviewed with respect to the history of oral tradition in the Tlingit culture by a member of their own tribe and in the feminist tradition of data collection through personal narratives. Interview questions are from a feminist and ethic studies perspective that works to decolonize and against imperialism in Western medicine. Implications of the research is that forcing Indigenous communities to operate in a foreign worldview concerning their health creates a false division between self, spirituality, community, and environment that continues to contribute to inter-generational trauma and the physical health consequences that result.