

Tuesday, Oct. 30 Sponsored Session (4198.0): “The Affordable Care Act Implementation: Implications for Immigrant and Refugee”

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Although the Affordable Care Act (ACA) will provide much-needed health insurance for as many as 32 million Americans, an estimated 11.2 million undocumented immigrants were excluded from health care reform.

In this session proposal, five leading researchers in California, a state strongly affected by immigration trends, describe new research examining the impact of the exclusion of undocumented immigrants from the ACA.

The session specifically will:

- Describe differences in health status, health behaviors, and healthcare utilization by citizenship and documentation status among immigrants in California.
- Discuss the impact of the Great Recession on the uninsured population in California, in terms of citizenship status.
- Describe how the ACA citizenship provisions exclude undocumented immigrants.
- Discuss the potential effect of the ACA eligibility criteria among the immigrant resident population by analyzing whether legal status is currently a stable health insurance predictor over time.
- Identify whether self-reported information available in sample survey data may be used to generate credible estimates of the number of Medicaid beneficiaries as well as health and socioeconomic characteristics by migrant legal status.
- Describe findings from the current research literature on health status, health care access and costs of healthcare for undocumented immigrants in the United States. Identify significant gaps in the research literature on undocumented immigrant health.

Moderator: Titilayo A. Okoror, PhD

Location: Moscone Convention Center South, Room 250

12:30 PM: Undocumented immigrants' health status and health care utilization:

Findings from the California Health Interview Survey

Nadereh Pourat, PhD, Tabashir Sadegh-Nobari, MPH, Steven Wallace, PhD and E. Richard Brown, PhD

12:45 PM: Immigration status and the uninsured in California: The impact of the Great Recession

Shana A. Lavarreda, PhD, MPP and Beena Patel, MPH

1:00 PM: Does legal status predict health insurance coverage of U.S. immigrants over time?

Arturo Vargas Bustamante, PhD, Jie Chen, PhD, Hai Fang, John Rizzo, PhD and Alexander Ortega, PhD

1:15 PM: Health and health care for undocumented immigrants in the United States:

A review of the literature

Jacqueline Torres, MPH, MA, and Steven Wallace, PhD

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