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1. Overview

The Migrant Labor and Global Health Conference was held March 2-3, 2017 at the University of California, Davis, bringing together a multidisciplinary group of scholars and scientists for two days of exploration and debate on the relationship between migrant health, economics and labor issues. Migration is a topic that is currently of high relevance for occupational health, as a phenomenon that involves 244 million people worldwide (nearly 1 billion if internal migrants are included), most of whom move in response to the demand for labor.

Because migration is considered above all an economic and political issue, the health issues immigrants face in the U.S receive little attention. However, in the U.S. and around the world immigrants face circumstances that have a significant and potentially negative impact on their health. These include disparities in access to care and use of health services as well as greater risk in terms of certain chronic diseases, infectious disease and mental health problems. Immigrant workers in the U.S. and globally often work in low-skilled, hazardous jobs and face increased rates of fatal and non-fatal work related injuries compared to native-born workers. These workers face barriers related to social and labor integration. Beyond the workers themselves, migration also impacts the health of migrants' families and U.S. born offspring as well as those in migrants' communities of origin.

The Migrant Labor and Global Health (MLGH) Conference served as a platform to explore the multidisciplinary aspects of migration and their impact on health, and brought together international experts, researchers and policy practitioners. Overall, the conference was able to meet its aims of bringing together a multidisciplinary group of experts to discuss the labor and health challenges faced by immigrant workers in the United States and globally, to share international best practices and experiences among researchers and occupational health and labor stakeholders, and to inform a set of recommendations for supporting immigrant worker health in the United States, in accordance with international efforts.

Our post-conference evaluation- conducted during the month after the conference- showed excellent results: 97% of respondents were satisfied overall with the conference, 100% were satisfied with the selection of speakers, 97% were satisfied with the selected topic areas and the registration, organization, logistics and staff attention. Also, 82% were satisfied with the conference poster sessions. Conference attendees also provided comments and useful feedback that will help us ensure that all of the involved participants remain engaged now that the conference has ended.

The MLGH conference was organized by two University of California, Davis (UC Davis) research groups: the Migration and Health Research Center (MAHRC), a research group focusing on immigrant health and safety issues, and the Migration Research Cluster, a multidisciplinary research group that focuses on social sciences and brings together migration scholars from different disciplines from across the university.

Highlights of the conference include:

- **Multidisciplinary speaker participation** of 27 leading experts and researchers in the fields of public and occupational health, immigration, economics, demography, public policy and others;
- Overall attendance of 181 participants from California, the United States and other countries;
- Successful supplementary sponsorship of \$52,700 (not including the NIOSH conference grant);

- Media coverage by news outlets, including the Spanish language news Univision and publication of results in newsletters/blogposts and social media.
- Policy focus of three multidisciplinary conference segments that informed a final policy panel, where experts from different disciplines built on the conference proceedings to suggest directions and make policy recommendations.
- Generation of partnerships and initiatives, including the creation of the UC Davis multidisciplinary online Migration Portal (currently in development) among several conference participants.

2. Meeting goals and aims

Evidence from North America, Europe, Latin America and other regions support the need for a cross-sector approach to improve the health of the working migrant population that accounts for the unique labor, economic and social issues that interact as determinants of immigrant health. The MLGH conference aimed to serve as a platform to initiate this type of cross-sector approach, specifically in terms of bridging the gap between migration as a health and political and economic issue; the central focus on this bridge was migrant workers. The specific goals and aims of the conference included bringing together leading experts and academics from occupational health and a wide range of disciplines, sharing international best practices and experiences, and discussion of policy recommendations for supporting immigrant worker health in the United States and globally through engagement with a diverse group of stakeholders.

3. Major accomplishments

• Speaker Participation (final conference agenda attached):

The MLGH conference brought together a multidisciplinary group of experts and researchers working on occupational health, labor, demographic and migration issues that included representatives of relevant U.S. agencies and international organizations. A summary is included here, though the exact details of each presentation can be found on the final conference agenda. (For those who agreed, all presentations were made available on the conference website). Among those speakers included were John Howard, Director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, who gave a presentation on the occupational health of migrant and immigrant workers; Nancy Leppink of the International Labor Organization (ILO), who presented the ILO's perspective on the health problems of migrant workers; Kolitha Wickramage of the International Organization for Migration, who presented on ways to advance migration health policy by working across sectors; and Alfonso Rodriguez-Lainz of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and Julietta Rodriguez-Guzman of the Pan-American Health Organization, both of whom participated in the policy panel session entitled *Policy Solutions for Migrant Labor and Global Health Challenges*.

The opening plenary session on the first day of the conference was given by Tom Gjelten, National Public Radio Correspondent and author of *A Nation of Nations*, a recent book on the history of immigration policy in the United States since 1965.

Widely acclaimed special keynote speakers included Demetrious Papademetriou from the Migration Policy Institute in Brussels and Washington DC, and Jeffrey Passel of the Pew Research Center.

In addition, academic researchers from UC Davis and other institutions participated by giving individual presentations and in panel sessions. Raj Bhopal of the University of Edinburgh provided an overview of the implications of ethnicity and race for health outcomes across Europe among the working immigrant population. Cathy Zimmerman of the London School of Economics and Tropical Hygiene spoke of the occupational health implications of trafficking of people for forced labor. Kevin Johnson, Dean of the UC Davis School of Law, provided an overview of current immigration policy and its likely evolution under the current U.S. administration. Roberto Suro of the University of Southern California presented the perspective and influence of media narratives on nativism and immigration and the relevance to work and health.

Finally, three panel sessions were held titled: Occupation, Health and Vulnerability among Immigrant Workers, Migration and Economic Wellbeing, and Policy Solutions for Migrant Labor and Global Health Challenges. The first two panel sessions broadly covered the issue areas of occupational health and labor economics, and the final panel session brought together a group of policy experts to discuss and present recommendations to inform policy to support immigrant worker health. Each panel included three speakers, with the exception of the policy panel in which there were five.

Multidisciplinary focus

The conference evaluation, as well as feedback sent directly to the conference organizers, indicated that the attendees felt the multidisciplinary nature of the conference to be a notable achievement. This conference was unique in bringing different disciplines to bear on the question of how to develop common approaches to supporting the health of migrant workers. The conference was divided into four blocks that recognized these different perspectives or frameworks: 1. Occupational Health, 2. Demography, 3. Economics, and 4. Public Policy. Within these four sections, speakers represented an even wider range of disciplines, including law, economics, public health, sociology and others. The public policy block of the conference ended the conference and brought together the different topics presented over the course of two days.

• Overall attendance (final attendance list attached):

Over 180 people attended the conference, including students, academic researchers, stakeholders and advocates, primarily from California and the United States and with some participants coming from as far away as Europe and Africa.

• Poster Session:

Over 20 posters were presented on different occupational, labor and migration research projects at two poster sessions held on the two days of the conference.

Poster titles

A Statewide Evaluation of the California Medical Supervision Program Using Cholinesterase Electronic Laboratory Reporting Data

A Study of the Correlation Between the Affordable Care Act and English Proficiency with Health Care Access for Asian Pacific Islander Immigrants

Breast Cancer Diagnosis and Mortality by Tumor Stage and Migration Background

Breathing Easier: Qualitative-Fit Testing Among Immigrant Farmworkers

Cost Savings Through Timely Treatment for Irregular Migrants and EU Citizens without Insurance

Depression and Associated Factors in Repatriate/Deported Mexicans from the USA

Depression and Associated Factors in Undocumented Mexican Migrants Living in the USA

Exploring Explanatory Factors between Food Insecurity and Obesity among Latina Women in California

Foundation of a Maternity and Children's Healthcare Center For Displaced Syrians

Health Care-Related Knowledge and Health Care Related Decision-Making of Husbands Left Behind in Indonesia - Evidence from the 2012 Indonesian Demographic and Health Survey

Immigration, Residential Mobility, and HIV Risk

Influence of Spiritual Help Seeking Behavior and Socio-Economic Status on Health Risk Behavior among Migrants in Niger/Nigeria Border

Injury Experiences of Migrant Day Laborers in California

Is it Who you Know or Where you are? Migrant Network Characteristics and Selfassessed Health among Mexican Adults

Knowledge of Medi-cal Eligibility among U.S. and Foreign-born Youth in Los Angeles

Knowledge vs. Practice: Employers of Migrant Domestic Workers in Lebanon

Language, Insurance, Acculturation and other Factors Affecting Healthcare Access among Latinos in the State of Missouri

Latino Migrant Farmworkers in Saskatchewan: Occupational Health and Safety Education and the Sustainability of Agriculture

Meeting the Reproductive Health Needs of Incoming Refugee Women

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Physical Exposures of Musculoskeletal Risk Factors among Migrant Farmworkers in Apple Orchards in Washington State

Pilot Study of Pesticide Exposure and Neurodevelopment in Farmworker Children

Prevalence of Diabetes, Prediabetes, and Obesity in Deported Individuals on the U.S.-Mexico Border

Swedish Perspectives on Occupational Health of Immigrant Workers in Agriculture

The Migration Motivations of Migrants and Non-Migrants from Guanajuato, Mexico

U.S. Migration Experience and Health Status among Adult Men and Women Living in Mexico

Client and Agency Level Barriers to Women's and RH Services among Newly Resettled, Primarily Muslim, Refugee Women in Sacramento

Policy focus (policy recommendations and conclusions attached):

The final afternoon of the conference was dedicated to a speaker/audience discussion related to taking next steps to support migrant workers' health, at the state, national and international levels. The final policy panel presented the recommendations of the presenters to inform policy recommendations to support immigrant worker health in the United States and internationally. A subset of the recommendations made to policy makers include:

- 1. Link international labor and migration policies with local and national health policies.
- 2. Promote use of ILO protection instruments for workers developed over the past 50 years, including Conv. No. 97, 86, 143, & 151.
- 3. Recognize migration as a social determinant of health (related to low educational levels, irregular status, limited access to housing and services, poor working conditions, cultural and language issues and social exclusion) and include migration issues in health policy development.
- 4. Develop migrant-sensitive and inclusive policies on anti-discrimination, education, employment, social protection, housing, environment, and health services.
- 5. Reduce occupational hazards through better information, inspection, and implementation of health and safety regulations.
- 6. Support reducing barriers to labor market participation of migrant workers.

• Conference sponsorship (full sponsorship list attached)

The MLGH planning committee was able to successfully raise \$52,700 in sponsorship funds to support the conference in addition to the generous conference grant from NIOSH. Securing these sponsorship funds meant that no registration fee was charged to MLGH participants. It also meant that students and stakeholders from around the region were more likely to participate. Major sponsorships came from the organizing groups as well as major California-based healthcare foundations including the California Endowment and the California Wellness Foundation. Support also came from many University of California based research groups and academic departments. Support came not only from health-related departments such as the UC Davis School of Medicine and the UC Berkeley Center for Occupational and Environmental Health and the UC Global Health Institute, but also from groups from other disciplines including the UC Davis Center for Poverty Research, the Division of Social Sciences, the Western Center for Agricultural Health and Safety (a NIOSH-funded Ag Center), and others.

4. Target worker population

Although the conference drew upon global expertise related to migrant workers, the target worker population of the conference was immigrant workers in particular in the United States. The U.S. accounts for around 20% of the world's migrants, most of whom come to the U.S. to work and seek quality of life for their families. There are about 27 million immigrants in the U.S. labor force; this represents a participation rate of 65.2% of the foreign-born, according to data from 2016 from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The proportion of the civilian labor force that is foreign-born increased from 13.3% in 2000 to 16.9% in 2016. Of the foreign-born labor force, 48.3% are Hispanic and 25.0% are Asian. On average, immigrant workers earn less than their native-born counterparts. Part of this is related to the fact that in the U.S. immigrants are concentrated in certain sectors of the workforce, primarily construction, agriculture, transportation and services. Most are Hispanic, belong to vulnerable groups and have low incomes and are overrepresented in hazardous occupations, with higher rates of fatal and non-fatal work related injuries. They also have increased risk of infectious disease, certain chronic diseases and mental health problems. Immigrant workers in the U.S. generally have less access to healthcare, partly caused by barriers that are economic, cultural and linguistic in nature.

This conference helped support researcher and practitioner understanding of the social and cultural dimensions of labor migration and worker health and introduced new approaches that propose accounting for language, literacy and cultural differences in efforts to support the target worker population.

The occupational health panel session, held on the first day of the conference, included discussion of occupational health regulations and whether they are sufficiently effective in protecting workers. Thu Quach's presentation on nail salon workers highlighted the importance of improving protections for nail salon workers in California, 60% to 80% of whom are Vietnamese and 95% of whom are female. These workers are exposed to a range of chemicals over long time periods, nail salons are often poorly ventilated, and product warning labels are limited or lacking. Research has shown that nail salon workers experience health problems associated with these chemical exposures, and there are adverse reproductive health outcomes as well. Michael Flynn of NIOSH further expanded on how NIOSH can

improve protections for these immigrant workers, both in nail salons and in other industries, by taking advantage of available data and developing institutional capacity through partnerships.

5. Collaborations and partnerships

One of the strengths of the MLGH conference was that it served as a forum to bring together different disciplines with diverse perspectives on the study of immigration. Among other opportunities for partnership, the conference has helped spur the development of an online migration portal that will disseminate research and information related to multidisciplinary groups across UC Davis whose studies relate to migration. The UC Davis Migration Portal will be headed by the Migration Research Cluster (coorganizer of the MLGH conference) and will bring together faculty from different disciplines across UC Davis. The portal will have its own website that disseminates migration-related research, news articles and research/study opportunities for academics and students, with sections on events, opportunities and profiles of the different groups involved.

6. Dissemination and translation of the conference and its accomplishments

The MLGH conference accomplishments and results were primarily disseminated through the MLGH website, in operation since roughly one year prior to the conference, at www.mlghconference.com. The website was used to provide updates about the conference, to generate an email list of potential participants, for online registration for attendees and to publicize and solicit poster presentations from students and researchers. The website was also used as a resource for sponsors and attendees. The conference was also promoted through development of a logo, infographic and posters displayed on the UC Davis campus, at sponsors' locations and via newsletters of sponsor and participating organizations.

Conference results were published on the website and also distributed to the MLGH list, which consisted of nearly 300 emails. Immediately after the sessions for each day finished, presentations were uploaded to the website and made public. Information about the poster sessions was also published on the website. Finally, all attendees, speakers and sponsors were emailed with information including the conference evaluation, a summary of useful migration-related resources compiled by the conference participant organizations, and policy recommendations.

Conference results were also disseminated through blog posts and newsletters distributed through the conference organizers and sponsors' websites. One example is the Western Center for Agricultural Health and Safety, which covered the conference in both its newsletter and online blog (https://aghealth.ucdavis.edu/news/immigration-not-just-problem-us-farming-migrant-labor-and-global-health-conference-uc-davis).

7. Public health impact

The potential public health impact represented by supporting immigrant worker health in the United States is significant given the large number of immigrants in the country; in addition to those who are foreign-born, 80 million people- or one fourth of the U.S. population- are either first or second-generation immigrants. Enabling health and social systems to protect and promote immigrant health requires cross

sector collaboration, particularly in the area of occupational health, given immigrants' vulnerability in the labor market. Improving the occupational health and safety circumstances of immigrant workers indirectly benefits a large part of the U.S. population.

Attachments

- 1. MLGH Final Agenda
 - **MLGH Promotional Materials**
 - 2. Poster
 - 3. Infographic
 - 4. Logo
- 5. Attendance List
- 6. List of MLGH Sponsors
- 7. Final Policy Panel Summary of Recommendations and Conclusions

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8:00AM Registration and Breakfast

9:00AM Welcome

Giovanni Peri, Director, Migration Research Cluster, UC Davis Marc B. Schenker, Director, Migration and Health Research Center, UC Davis Ken Burtis, Interim Provost, UC Davis Joanna Regulska, Vice Provost and Associate Chancellor, Global Affairs, UC Davis Robb Davis, Mayor, City of Davis

9:30AM

Plenary Session: A Nation of Nations Tom Gjelten, National Public Radio

10:00AM

A Labor Perspective of Migration

Nancy Leppink, International Labor Organization

10:30AM Coffee Break

10:45AM

Country of Birth, Ethnicity and Race: Providing Insights into the Causes and Consequences of Diseases

Raj Bhopal, University of Edinburgh

11:15AM

Undocumented Migrants: Trends and Perspectives
Jeffrey Passel, Pew Research Center

11:45AM Lunch and Poster Session

1:00PM

Plenary Session: Occupational Health of Migrant and Immigrant Workers John Howard, National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health

1:30PM

Migrant Labor, Health and Human Trafficking

Cathy Zimmerman, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

2:00PM

US Refugee Resettlement: Health Lessons from an Organized Resettlement Process William Stauffer, University of Minnesota

2:30PM Coffee Break

2:45PM

Panel Session: Occupation, Health and Vulnerability among Immigrant Workers

Moderated by *Peter Lundqvist*, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences *Thomas Arcury*, Wake Forest School of Medicine *Thu Quach*, Cancer Prevention Institute of California *Michael Flynn*, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

4:00PM Closing Remarks

Marc B. Schenker, Director, Migration and Health Research Center, UC Davis

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2017

Poster Session 2

Prevalence of Diabetes, Prediabetes, and Obesity in Deported Individuals on the US-Mexico Border

Anthony Chan, UC San Diego Co-authors: M. Tang, J. L. Burgos, V. Ojeda, A. V. Ojeda, L. C. Gallo, and J. L. McCurley

Depression and Associated Factors in Undocumented Mexican Migrants Living in the US

Jorge Baruch Diaz Ramirez, National Autonomous University of Mexico

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Annie Ro, UC Irvine Co-author: B. Osborn

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Maria Rodriguez-Alcala, University of Missouri Co-authors: S. C. Jeanetta and I. C. Staiculescu

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Cost Savings Through Timely Treatment for Irregular Migrants and EU Citizens Without Insurance

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THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017

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Ornwipa Thamsuwan, University of Washington Co-authors: P. W. Johnson, K. Galvin, and M. Tchong-French

Meeting the Reproductive Health Needs of **Incoming Refugee Women**

Diana Tran, UC San Francisco Co-author: H. Thiel de Bocanegra

8:30AM Breakfast

9:00AM Welcome

Giovanni Peri, Director, Migration Research Cluster, UC Davis

9:15AM

Plenary Session: Inflection Point! Immigration Policies in Advanced Industrial Societies in the Age of Trump

Demetrios Papademetrious, Migration Policy Institute

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Migration and Development: A Roadmap to Global Impact Dilip Ratha, World Bank

10:15AM Coffee Break

10:30AM

Panel Session: Migration and Economic Wellbeing

Moderated by *J. Edward Taylor*, UC Davis Neeraj Kaushal, Columbia University Daniyal Zuberi, University of Toronto Krista Perreira, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

12:00PM Lunch and Poster Session

1:15PM

Advancing Migration Health Policy Through Evidence-based, Intersectoral Approaches Kolitha Wickramage, International Organization for Migration

1:45PM

Immigration Law and Enforcement in the Trump Years Kevin R. Johnson, UC Davis School of Law

2:15PM Coffee Break

2:30PM

Nativism, Media Narratives and Migrant Health Roberto Suro, University of Southern California

3:00PM

Panel Session: Policy Solutions for Migrant Labor and Global Health Challenges Moderated by Giovanni Peri, UC Davis Julietta Rodriguez-Guzman, Pan American Health Organization Alfonso Rodriguez-Lainz, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Kathryn Pitkin Derose, Pardee RAND Graduate School

4:30PM Closing Remarks

Marc B. Schenker, Director, Migration and Health Research Center, UC Davis Giovanni Peri, Director, Migration Research Cluster, UC Davis

4:45 - 6:00PM Conference Reception at UC Davis Alumni Center







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Kolitha Wickramage

International Organization for Migration

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Cathy Zimmerman

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Professor Zimmerman is a behavioral scientist and pioneer in work related to the occupational health aspects associated with forced labor. Her research focuses on human trafficking and vulnerable migrant groups.



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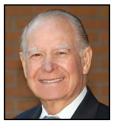
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Dr. Ratha is an economist specializing in migration, remittances and innovative financing. He is currenlty lead economist and manager of the Migration and Remittances Unit at the World Bank.



Cruz Reynoso

UC Davis School of Law

A former Associate Justice of the California Supreme Court, Reynoso is recognized for his leadership in civil rights, immigration and refugee policy, and government reform. In 2000, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.



Julietta Rodriguez-Guzman

Pan-American Health Organization

Dr. Guzman's work has focused on formulating and assessing occupational health and worker's compensation systems, policies and programs. She studies different working conditions in Colombia and other Latin American countries.



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William Stauffer

University of Minnesota

Dr. Stauffer is a professor in the Infectious Diseases Division of the Department of Medicine. He is an expert in travel and tropical medicine, working in clinical medicine, surveillance, and policy development.



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Giovanni Peri

UC Davis

Dr. Peri's research in migration and labor economics is regularly featured by national news organizations. He is Chair of the UC Davis Economics Department and Director of the Migration Research Cluster.



Marc B. Schenker

UC Davis

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Thomas Arcury

Wake Forest School of Medicine

Dr. Arcury's research interests include aging, alternative medicine, education outreach, minority health issues, and occupational health. He is Director of the Translational Science Institute.



Raj Bhopal

University of Edinburgh

Professor Bhopal's research focuses on ethnic variations in disease, with a special emphasis on how to respond with more effective public health interventions and clinical services. He is an honorary consultant with the NHS Lothian Board.



Xochitl Castaneda

UC Berkeley

Xochitl Castaneda is Director of the Health Initiative of the Americas, an international grass-roots research and advocacy program focused on immigrant health. She was a medical anthropologist and has lectured on migrant health.



Kathryn Pitkin Derose

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Dr. Derose is a senior policy researcher and professor. She focuses on addressing health disparities for underserved populations in the US and in Latin America. She has particular expertise in community-based participatory research.





Michael Flynn

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Tom Gjelten

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The University of California, Davis international conference on Migrant Labor and Global Health was held March 2-3, 2017 and brought together a multidisciplinary group of scholars and scientists to discuss the relationship between migrant health, economics and labor issues. During the course of the conference a number of recommendations emerged for integrating the issues faced by migrant workers into the framework of health and social policy, which were discussed with the audience during the conference final policy panel session.

• Recommendations for Policy Makers

- 1. Link international labor and migration policies with local and national health policies.
- 2. Link health to the wider Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) agenda by supporting policy at the local and national levels.
- 3. Promote use of ILO protection instruments for workers developed over the past 50 years, including Conv. No. 97, 86, 143, & 151.
- 4. Recognize migration as a social determinant of health (related to low educational levels, irregular status, limited access to housing and services, poor working conditions, cultural and language issues and social exclusion) and include migration issues in health policy development.
- 5. Develop migrant-sensitive and inclusive policies on anti-discrimination, education, employment, social protection, housing, environment, and health services.
- 6. Reduce occupational hazards through more complete and culturally tailored information, inspection, and implementation of health and safety regulations.
- 7. Enhance settlement services for migrants and refugees, including access to basic services, health care, and employment and mentoring programs.
- 8. Support reducing barriers to labor market participation of migrant workers.

Recommendations for Advocates and Stakeholders

- Provide additional training to address underemployment among migrant workers, including professional English.
- 2. Promote and expand programs to address discrimination in employment and housing.
- 3. Empower migrant communities to strengthen social networks and combat isolation and loneliness.
- 4. Support health education programs and migrant-sensitive health risk communication campaigns.
- 5. Pay attention to linguistic and cultural barriers, segregation, and underachievement among migrant workers and their families.
- 6. Work towards increased availability of healthy food and better targeting of healthy eating campaigns.

Recommendations for International Organizations and Institutions

- 1. Lead the development of inclusive health services responsive to needs of migrants.
- 2. Adopt inclusive policy and legal frameworks to promote access to health services consistent with international human rights legal instruments.
- 3. Promote and improve mechanisms to provide equitable and efficient financial protection in health for migrants.
- 4. Lead the effort towards standardization and comparability of data among countries on indicators of migrant health.
- 5. Strengthen inter-sectoral action and development of partnerships, networks and multicounty frameworks to address the social determinants of health of migrant workers.
- 6. Support and build institutional capacity to reach hard to reach groups and include occupational safety and health, public health groups and immigrant groups in these efforts.

• Recommendations for Researchers and Academic Institutions

- 1. Ensure high quality, representativeness and completeness of data in studies involving migrants.
- 2. Promote research that seeks to identify and address health disparities in migrant sub-populations.
- 3. Engage in cross-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary research projects and programs.
- 4. Improve quality of exposure assessment.
- 5. Improve surveillance and research through support for longitudinal studies in immigrant working populations.
- 6. Account for selection bias of cross-sectional studies and lack of reliable and relevant health surveillance in design of research programs.
- 7. Promote research on more effective and targeted public health interventions in migrant worker populations.