Undocumented Patients Web Resources

This knowledge hub of web-based resources on migration, health, and the safety-net in the US, Europe, and globally includes influential sources of research and analysis, thoughtful and provocative commentaries by advocates, scholars, and journalists, and innovative uses of media that tell the stories of undocumented immigrants and other low-income migrant workers. We invite you to explore these resources and to let us know about others.

I. Migration and health, including undocumented immigrants and access to health care

Access Denied: A Conversation on Unauthorized Im/migration and Health
http://accessdeniedblog.wordpress.com/
A blog with contributions from anthropology scholars based in the US and other nations, featuring news and commentaries on access to health care for undocumented immigrants and other migrant workers.

California Immigrant Policy Center
http://www.caimmigrant.org/healthcare.html
More undocumented immigrants live in California than in any other state. This public policy website features updates, in English and Spanish, about efforts to promote access to health care for undocumented and other immigrants in California.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
http://www.cdc.gov/immigrantrefugeehealth/
CDC guidelines for medical screening and treatment for immigrants, migrants, and refugees.

The Curious Ostrich
http://thecuriousostrich.wordpress.com
A blog with contributions from public health professionals and immigrant rights advocates on the impact of immigration policy and practices on population health.

Health Care in NowhereLand
www.nowhereland.info
Includes the archives of a 2008-10 project based at the Center for Health and Migration, Danube University-Krems (Austria) that aimed to study and improve access to health services for undocumented migrants in the 27 European Union (EU) member states.

Home Economics: The Invisible and Unregulated World of Domestic Work
http://www.domesticworkers.org/homeeconomics/
Data and key findings from an empirical survey of domestic workers, conducted by the National Domestic Workers Alliance and the Center for Urban Economic Development at the University of Illinois, Chicago, with attention to the situation of undocumented workers.
Human Rights Watch  
http://www.hrw.org/topic/migration  
New reports and analysis on the human rights of migrants globally.

Kaiser Family Foundation  
http://kff.org/uninsured/issue-brief/immigration-reform-and-access-to-health-coverage-key-issues-to-consider/  
KFF’s resources on coverage for the uninsured include an issue brief on access to health care for undocumented immigrants, with attention to current immigration reform proposals.

MigHealthNet  
http://mighealth.net/  
A hub of information from 16 European nations about access to health care for migrants and other minority populations in Europe, design to help share “good practices.”

Migrant Clinicians Network  
http://www.migrantclinician.org/  
This website for health care professionals includes an electronic medical records service for use in the care of migrant workers who receive services from several community health centers.

Migration Dialogue  
http://migration.ucdavis.edu/  
Website houses news, analysis, and a variety of opinions on different aspects of migration, including the impact of migration on rural communities.

Migration Policy Institute  
http://www.migrationpolicy.org/  
http://www.migrationinformation.org/datahub/  
http://www.migrationinformation.org/  
Extensive research and analysis of policies concerning migration and refugees at the local, national, and international levels. Key features of this site include the MPI Data Hub (facts, statistics, and maps) and Migration Information Source (news, analysis, and commentary).

National Immigration Law Center  
www.nilc.org/  
The NILC conducts advocacy and education on behalf of low income immigrants, including rights and protections concerning access to health care and public benefits. Website includes summaries of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and immigration reform proposals.

Pew Research Center: Hispanic Trends Project  
www.pewhispanic.org
Authoritative source of demographic studies and other social science research on the Hispanic population in the US and on undocumented immigrants including key estimates of the undocumented immigrant population. In addition to datasets and reports, the website includes a detailed description of how its estimates are calculated.

PICUM: Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants
A network of grassroots organizations, focusing on the human rights of undocumented immigrants in Europe, including rights of access to health care in the EU and conditions on the ground in EU member nations. Website includes news bulletins on health care and other topics, with reports from Europe, the US, and Mexico, and other publications.

Russell Sage Foundation: Immigration Program
http://www.russellsage.org/research/immigration
Includes reports on Foundation-funded social science research on immigration to the US, with attention to the long-term prospects of contemporary immigrants and their children.

UCLA Center for Health Policy
http://healthpolicy.ucla.edu
A leading source of quantitative information on immigrants’ use of health services in the US.

Urban Institute Health Policy Center
http://www.urban.org/health_policy/
Includes searchable database of publications by Urban Institute scholars on topics including undocumented immigrants and access to health care.

World Bank: People Move blog
http://blogs.worldbank.org/peoplemove/
World Bank studies and other publications on migration and remittances, including remittance patterns between undocumented immigrants in the US and other countries.

II. Photo essays and documentaries on undocumented immigrants and migrant workers

“Bodies on the Border” (2013)
An opinion documentary (Op-Doc) produced for The New York Times by filmmaker Marc Silver, profiling forensic anthropologist Robin Reineke, whose Missing Migrant Project seeks to identify undocumented immigrants whose bodies are found in the Arizona desert.

“Costly Dream” (2007)
An audio slide show by Susan Meiselas in collaboration with Human Rights Watch, on the experiences of Indonesian women employed as domestic workers in other Asian nations.
“An Immigrant’s Journey” (2013)
A photo essay by Getty Images photographer John Moore, following immigrants from Central America to the US.

“The Caretaker” (2013)
An Op-Doc produced for The New York Times by filmmaker Theo Rigby, about an undocumented immigrant from Fiji who works as a domestic caregiver in the US.

“Lost in Detention” (2011)
A Frontline documentary about the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention program.

“Sin País” (Without Country) (2012)
An award-winning short documentary by Theo Rigby about parents facing deportation and the prospect of separation from their citizen children.

“Undocumentary” (2012)
A web documentary, produced by PICUM, about the experiences of undocumented immigrants in Europe, including interviews with clinicians providing health care in immigrant communities.

“State of Exception” (2013)
http://undocumentedmigrationproject.com/home/about
A videographic installation by Richard Barnes, based on clothing, water bottles, and other artifacts left along the US/Mexico border by undocumented immigrants. The artifacts were collected by University of Michigan anthropologist Jason de Leon, who studies undocumented migration as a “clandestine social process.”

III. News and analysis on immigration reform in the US
Many of the websites listed in Section I., above, feature news and analysis on immigration law and policy in the US and other nations. The following sites offer frequently-updated coverage of immigration reform proposals in the US.

American Civil Liberties Union
http://www.aclu.org/immigrants-rights

Center for American Progress: Think Progress
http://thinkprogress.org/immigration/issue/?mobile=nc.

Lawrence Downes, New York Times Editorial Board

IV. Safety-net health care in the U.S.
These websites include datasets, empirical studies, analysis, and other information on safety-net hospitals, community health centers, and insurance programs in the US.

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality  
http://www.ahrq.gov/

America's Essential Hospitals  
http://naph.org/

Center for Studying Health System Change  
http://www.hschange.com/

The Commonwealth Fund  
http://www.commonwealthfund.org/

National Academy for State Health Policy  
http://www.nashp.org/specific-populations/vulnerable-populations

National Association of Community Health Centers  
http://www.nachc.org/

National Health Policy Forum  
http://www.nhpf.org/home

Qualis Health  
http://www.qualishealth.org/

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation  
http://www.rwjf.org/

Safety Net Hospitals for Pharmaceutical Access  
http://www.snhpa.org/

Safety Net Medical Home Initiative  
http://www.safetynetmedicalhome.org/

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