



Oral Health and Dental Care Access Disparities: The Contexts of Immigrant Health and Minority Health

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Dear Colleagues,

Embodying many minority health phenomena, the health of immigrants is often affected by changing social and cultural norms, differential access to clinical care, and the coexistence of new and preexisting health conditions. Oral health and dental care access disparities constitute prime examples of the challenges that new and recent immigrants face in the long process of adapting to new environments: physical, dietary, health systems, and many more aspects. An emerging body of research continues to characterize the features of such a complex landscape, but the rapid pace of change requires an up-to-date, sophisticated examination of the underlying factors. Such a knowledge base will inform strategies to ameliorate risk factors; improve culturally appropriate access to care and prevention; alleviate acute and long-term complications of poor oral health; and supply objective data to support social and health policies addressing disparities in the contexts of immigrant health and minority health.

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