Sanctuary Doctoring

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Outline

I. Immigrant Status as a Health Disparity
II. Sanctuary Doctoring

Objectives

By the end of this session you should be able to:
• Recognize health disparities among undocumented patients and others affected by immigration concerns
• Describe the four objectives of the sanctuary doctoring approach
• Examine cases/stories
Health Disparities

• Barriers to Care
  – Policy: barred access to public insurance by law, need for documentation to get services
  – Health System: bureaucracy and complex paperwork, lack of translation services or cultural competency, bias/discrimination
  – Individual: communication ability, concern about being reported


Health Disparities

• Health status and outcomes
  – Less preventive care and later presentation (emergency care only)
  – Increase in mental health conditions
  – Children: poorer reported health status among mixed-status families than others (Legal Permanent Residents or US-born families)
Treating Fear: Sanctuary Doctoring

• Sanctuary Doctoring

Advocacy: when policies affect your patients

My Stories

• “please do all of the tests while you can”
• “can you write a letter of how my husband’s deportation would affect my daughter’s health”
• “I don’t fear death.”
FQHCs, MHCs, and Safety Net

- Dr. Juliet Bradley and Jim Donahue- Prieto clinic
- My classmates Kim and John