

Oaxacan Indigenous Immigrant Communities in California, USA: Health Needs, Challenges, and Opportunities

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The Central California San Joaquin Valley is a major migration site for Indigenous groups from Oaxaca, Mexico. Currently, they are the fastest growing farmworker group in California. Along with the traditionally found health issues such as intestinal parasitism, iron-deficiency anemia, higher infant mortality rates, and higher rates of infectious diseases, Oaxacan communities are experiencing a new group of emergent chronic diseases such as Diabetes, Hypertension, and Obesity. The public health response to these needs and challenges should include International programs and inter-regional work. This presentation addresses multiple mechanisms for global collaborations as opportunities to respond to the challenges faced by Oaxacan immigrant communities in California.

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