

THE IMPORTANCE OF STUDENT RUN CLINICS: THE KNIGHTS LANDING ONE HEALTH CENTER IMMIGRATION CLINIC

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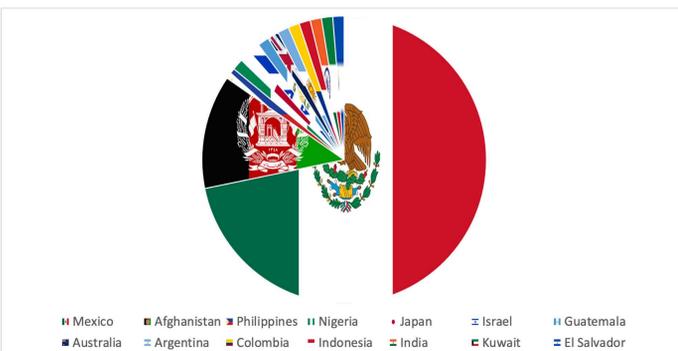


Introduction

- The immigration medical examination (USCIS form I-693) is the last obstacle to achieving permanent US residency.
- Since 2013, approximately 25,000 displaced people sought asylum in the United States.
- According to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) 2017-2021 report, a majority of applications for permanent residence come from individuals seeking **asylum, refuge, and family reunification**.
- The lack of USCIS authorized physicians (civil surgeons) to complete the **USCIS form I-693** and the steep financial cost **remain some of the main barriers in achieving permanent residency**.
- As a student-run clinic serving the local migrant farmworker community of Knights Landing, Ca, Knights Landing One Health Center (KLOHC) is uniquely positioned to provide culturally competent care and help immigrant communities attain stability in the USA.

Methods

- The patients coming to the clinic consisted of people looking to **obtain US permanent residency within the following 2 years**.
- Promotoras and undergrad volunteers were key in advertising the clinic to surrounding communities.
- The medical history was obtained during the first clinic visit by medical students.
- Physical examinations and compilation of vaccination records were performed by medical students under the supervision of **civil surgeon Dr. Mark Diaz MD**.
- Laboratory studies to rule out active Tuberculosis, Syphilis, and Gonorrhea were done by UC Davis Health.



Results

| Characteristics | n | % |
|-----------------------------------|----|-----|
| Gender | | |
| Male | 38 | 49% |
| Female | 40 | 51% |
| Ethnicity | | |
| Hispanic/Latino | 55 | 71% |
| Not Hispanic/Latino | 23 | 29% |
| Age | | |
| <18 | 9 | 12% |
| 18-29 | 15 | 19% |
| 30-49 | 32 | 41% |
| 50-64 | 22 | 28% |
| 65+ | 0 | 0% |
| Current immigration status | | |
| Sponsored by relative or employer | 51 | 65% |
| Parolee | 10 | 13% |
| Asylee | 7 | 9% |
| DACA | 3 | 4% |
| U-1 | 2 | 3% |
| Other | 5 | 6% |

Table 1. Information gathered from chart review of 78 patients seen at KLOHC immigration medical exam visits since May 2022 to date. No data on race, patients prefer to identify with their country of origin rather than US racial groups

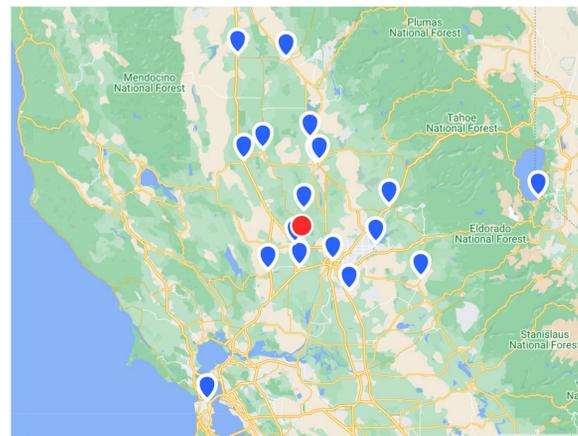


Figure 3. Cities in northern California from which at least one patient came to the KLOHC immigration clinic

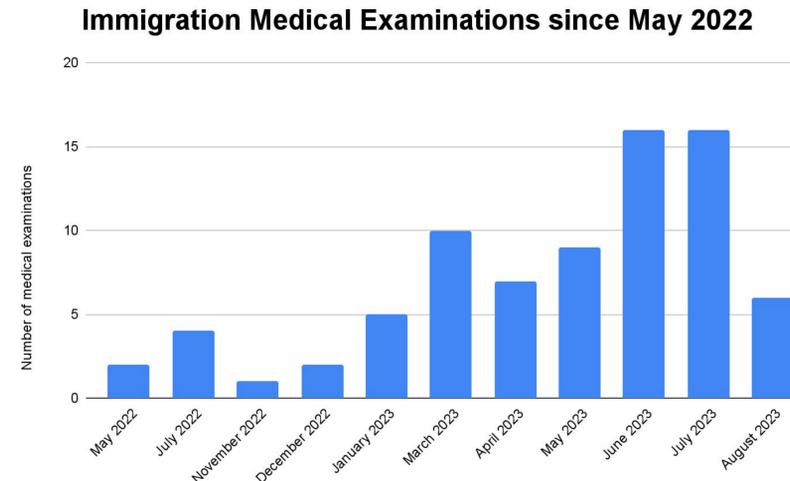


Figure 2. Immigration clinic started in May 2022 and logistics were set up to advertise it among the local Knights Landing community. The clinic then expanded to include neighboring cities such as Yuba City, Woodland, Davis. Additionally, outreach was made to local migrant camps



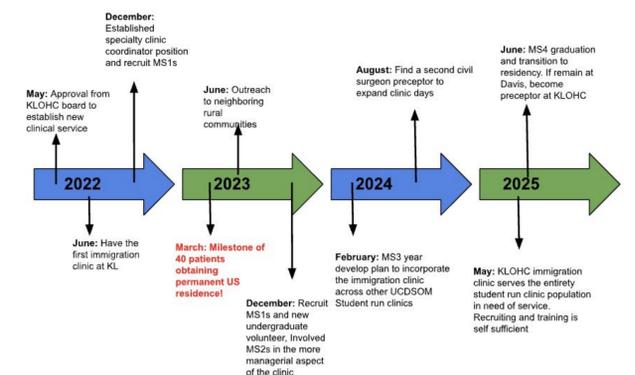
Figure 4. The US remains the top destination for immigrants worldwide. 50 million people or 15% of the current US population are immigrants. **USCIS report**

Summary

- 78 patients have been seen in the clinic since May 2022.
- We have yet to have a USCIS I-693 form returned by the USCIS due to errors.**
- The need for accessible immigration medical examinations remains high.
- There is continued interest in coming to KLOHC for immigration medical examinations as demonstrated by our growing waitlist.
- Most patients tend to be local, but some have traveled up to 130 miles to have the examination performed.
- Our patient base is a very diverse cohort from many countries around the world.

Conclusions/Further Study

- An immigration medical examination clinic run by medical students is a viable solution to the lack of accessible services offering the completion of USCIS form I-693.
- Exposure to these communities during medical school provides students an opportunity to interact with the diverse populations in CA.
- Involvement throughout the 4 years of medical school gives the clinic continuity and allows it to grow and provide this life-changing service to our immigrant communities.



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