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Welcome to Canada

New trends in migration have dramatically increased the cultural and linguistic diversity of immigrants and refugees to Canada. Although most migrants arrive in good health, many arriving immigrants and refugees face health issues different from those of the general population. Migrant-specific, evidence-based guidelines currently do not exist to support informed decision making for these populations.

Teams across Canada are currently developing clinical preventive guidelines for primary care practitioners—guidelines that will provide clinical recommendations for 20 selected conditions (mental health, chronic and infectious disease) with a special focus on vulnerable refugees and immigrants during the first 5 years of the resettlement process.

For more information on the upcoming clinical preventive guidelines for primary care of newly arrived immigrants and refugees from the Immigrant and Refugee Health Project, see www.intermed.med.uottawa.ca/research/immrefhealth/eng/index.html.

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