The Health of Canada's Children and Youth: A CICH Profile

Health Profile on Immigrant and Refugee Children and Youth in Canada

Appendix to module page 3.1.1: Methods used to identify the priority health conditions among immigrant children and youth included in Section 3 of this module.

Methods:

A full description of the methods used to identify the priority health conditions among immigrant children and youth is found in Swinkels H, Pottie K, Tugwell P, Rashid M, Narasiah L; Canadian Collaboration for Immigrant and Refugee Health (CCIRH). Development of guidelines for recently arrived immigrants and refugees to Canada: Delphi consensus on selecting preventable and treatable conditions. CMAJ. 2011 Sep 6;183(12):E928-32. doi: 10.1503/cmaj.090290. Epub 2010 Jun 14. A modified Delphi consensus process was used and 20 high-priority conditions for guideline development were identified – these included all age groups. Key health conditions were identified through a literature review, environmental scan and interviews with key informants from a network of immigrant health providers. The criteria for setting priorities emphasized inequities. The criteria for inclusion were importance – most prevalent and with a high burden of illness; usefulness – conditions where guidelines could be practically implemented and evaluated; and disparity – those not addressed currently or poorly addressed by public health measures.