

WOMEN FAMILIES MIGRATION AND ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE

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PURPOSE

- TO UNDERSTAND THE ROLE OF AGENCY IN ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE BY IMMIGRANT WOMEN



BACKGROUND

- AGENCY DEFINED AS THE ABILITY TO MAKE AND CARRY OUT DECISIONS FOR ONESELF, INCLUDING HAVING THE KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITY TO DO SO



DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

- BROADLY DEFINED INCLUDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES BUT ALSO CULTURE, GENDER, IMMIGRATION (Thurston and Vissandjee, 2005)
- HEALTH VS WELL-BEING; STATIC VERSUS DYNAMIC



PAST RESEARCH

- PUBLIC HEALTH IN MONTREAL, CANADA (Vissandjee et al.)
- CLINICAL ENCOUNTERS WITH PHYSICIANS
- MENTAL HEALTH (DMS DX)
- RESILIENCE AND APPROPRIATE RESPONSE (Paola et al. 2006)
- FAMILY AS UNIT OF ANALYSIS (Meadows, Thurston and Melton 2000)



PRIMARY CARE ...

- NOT JUST FAMILY PHYSICIANS (INTERNISTS, PEDIATRICIANS)
- A RANGE OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS
- NOT SINGLE ENTRY SYSTEM
- NEED MAY VARY OVER TIME THROUGH MIGRATION TRAJECTORY



IMMIGRANT WOMEN'S HEALTH CONCERNS – AND ACCESS

- HOLISTIC HEALTH
- SPIRITUAL NEEDS
- SURVIVAL EMPLOYMENT
- GENDER ROLES
- FUNCTION IMPERATIVE
- COMMUNICATION INTEGRAL NOT SEX (AND GENDER)



AGENCY AND PRIMARY CARE ACCESS

- KNOWLEDGE THROUGH COMMUNICATION
- SHARING AND RECIPROCITY
- SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES



DISCUSSION

- DIFFERENCES REAL OR ARTEFACT?
- AGENCY CONFOUNDED BY COMMUNICATION



DISCUSSION

- AGENCY, IMMIGRANT WOMEN, FAMILIES AND ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

