The Health and Well-being of Children in Immigrant Families: Understanding the Impact of National Immigration Policy
Monday, April 1, 2019 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm
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Nationally, one out of every four children live in an Immigrant Family (CIF), where one parent is born outside of the U.S. In California, this proportion is one in two. Among the highest risk with families in this group are those with an undocumented parent, where the proportion is one in three of CIF. National policies directed at controlling immigration can have an impact on the health of these children, as well as the local policies that are developed in response to national immigration policy. The Stanford Maternal and Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI) has supported collaborative research between the Division of General Pediatrics and the Immigration Policy Lab at Stanford University that examines the effects of immigration policies on the health and well-being of children in immigrant families.

The presentations will provide a brief overview of the problem of immigration and children’s health by Dr. Fernando Mendoza. This will be followed by a discussion of research utilizing state Medicaid data to analyze effects of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) on U.S. children’s health by Professor David Laitin, and research using data from a national survey to understand the movements of immigrant families in response to health services. Dr. Mendoza will discuss health utilization and the quality of care received by children in immigrant families in California, utilizing data from the California Health Interview Survey. Finally, there will be an overview of the collaboration activities between the Division of General Pediatrics and the Immigration Policy Lab that has been supported by MCHRI and the future direction of this work.

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