

## This Welcome Toolkit is designed to provide your clinic with:

- **Information** about medical assessments and interventions that occur as part of the refugee resettlement process
- **Tips** on accessing your patient's previous medical information
- **Suggestions** on health screening priorities in the primary care setting
- **Links, referrals** and other relevant information to provide health care to refugee patients

***Who is a refugee?*** A refugee is a person who "owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality, and is unable to or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that count" (Article 1, The 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees). On average, more than 60,000 refugees resettle to the U.S. annually. ALL refugees are documented, legal immigrants to the U.S.

All refugees will enter the U.S. primary health care system  
during their first 90 days of resettlement.

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