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Children with Significant Medical Conditions

Across the Migration Continuum

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connecting resettlement experts





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Learning Objectives



By the end of this session, you will be able to:

1

Describe

the overseas medical examination and ongoing monitoring of children with significant medical conditions before resettlement, including transport to the U.S.

2

Recognize

ways resettlement agencies and public health organizations serve children with significant medical conditions



Poll Question

Choose your answer, then click Submit.



Where do you work?

- A) Resettlement agency
- B) Community-based organization
- C) Public health
- D) Health center, hospital, or other facility
- E) Other



Poll Question

Choose your answer, then click Submit.



Do you ever accompany refugee families to medical appointments, or coordinate staff or volunteers who accompany families to appointments?

A) Yes

B) No

What criteria are used to identify significant medical conditions?



**Pre-departure,
including medical
exam**

Travel requirements

Medication



**Special schooling,
accommodation, or
employment**

**Assistance in daily
living**

Post-arrival follow up



Refugee Children with Significant Medical Conditions...

- Require additional overseas, travel, and/or domestic **resettlement arrangements** because of their medical condition(s)
- Need **proper documentation** of resettlement, travel, and medical follow-up needs



Poll Question

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What percentage of refugee children have significant medical conditions?

- A) < 10%
- B) 10–15%
- C) 15–20%
- D) 20–25%
- E) Over 25%



Poll Question

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Coming into today's webinar, how comfortable are you with serving clients who are children with significant medical conditions?

1

2

3

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5



Not at all comfortable

Very comfortable

Refugee Health Timeline



Medical Examination

2-4 weeks



Initial exam,
vaccination

Outprocessing

2-3 months

TB/other investigations and treatment, 2nd
dose vaccination, management of complex
medical cases



Travel Request

Presumptive
Treatment



Pre-Embarkation Check (PEC) and Departure

3-6 months prior to departure

Pre-Departure Medical
Screening (PDMS)





Care Across the Migration Continuum:

Collaboration Between Resettlement and Health Care Providers

1

Prior medical care in country(ies) of origin

2

Overseas resettlement process

3

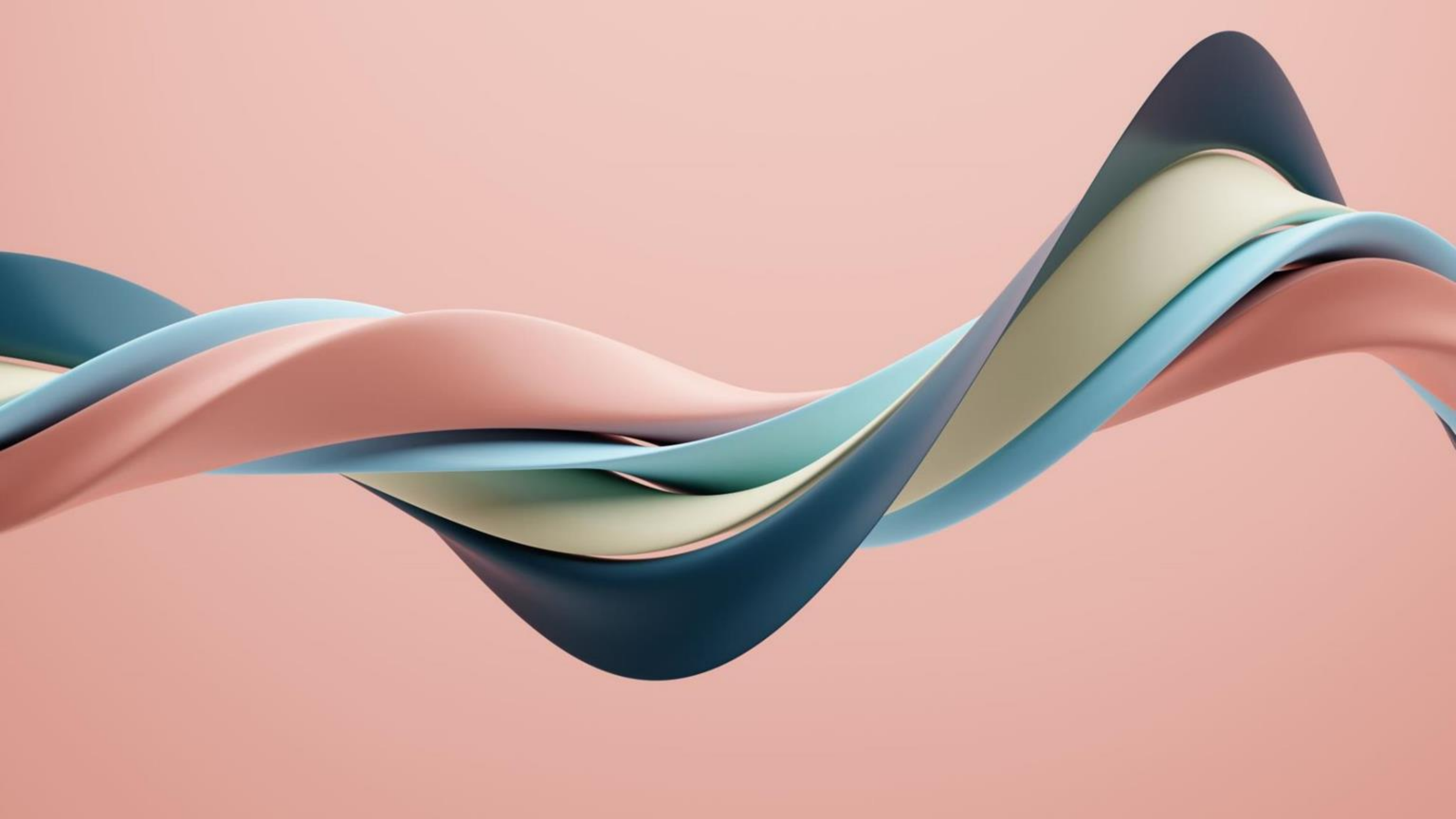
Medical movement

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US Resettlement

5

Ongoing medical care in the US



Case Scenario #1

A family is being resettled to the U.S. with their two-year-old child. She has had a serious heart condition since she was four months old.

It may be possible to fix the heart condition surgically, but she has not yet had surgery. The family is hoping she can once she is in the U.S.



Case Scenario #2

A six-year-old child has cerebral palsy and seizure disorder. He drinks formula for meals. He takes two anti-epileptic medications and had his last seizure last week. His family carries him or he uses a wheelchair.





Questions?

Type your questions in the **Q&A**

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Recommended Resources



- **Information Guide:** [Introduction to Refugee Health](#)
- **Information Guide:** [Helping Clients Prepare for Medical Appointments](#)
- **Checklist:** [Helping Clients Prepare for Medical Appointments](#)
- **Webinar recording:** [Assisting Newcomers with Navigating the U.S. Health Care System](#)
- **Webinar recording:** [Understanding U.S. Domestic Medical Screening for Refugees and Other Newcomers](#)



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