

Journey of vulnerability: understanding healthcare needs of undocumented migrants

Social determinants of the healthcare needs of undocumented migrants living with noncommunicable diseases

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Objective and methods:

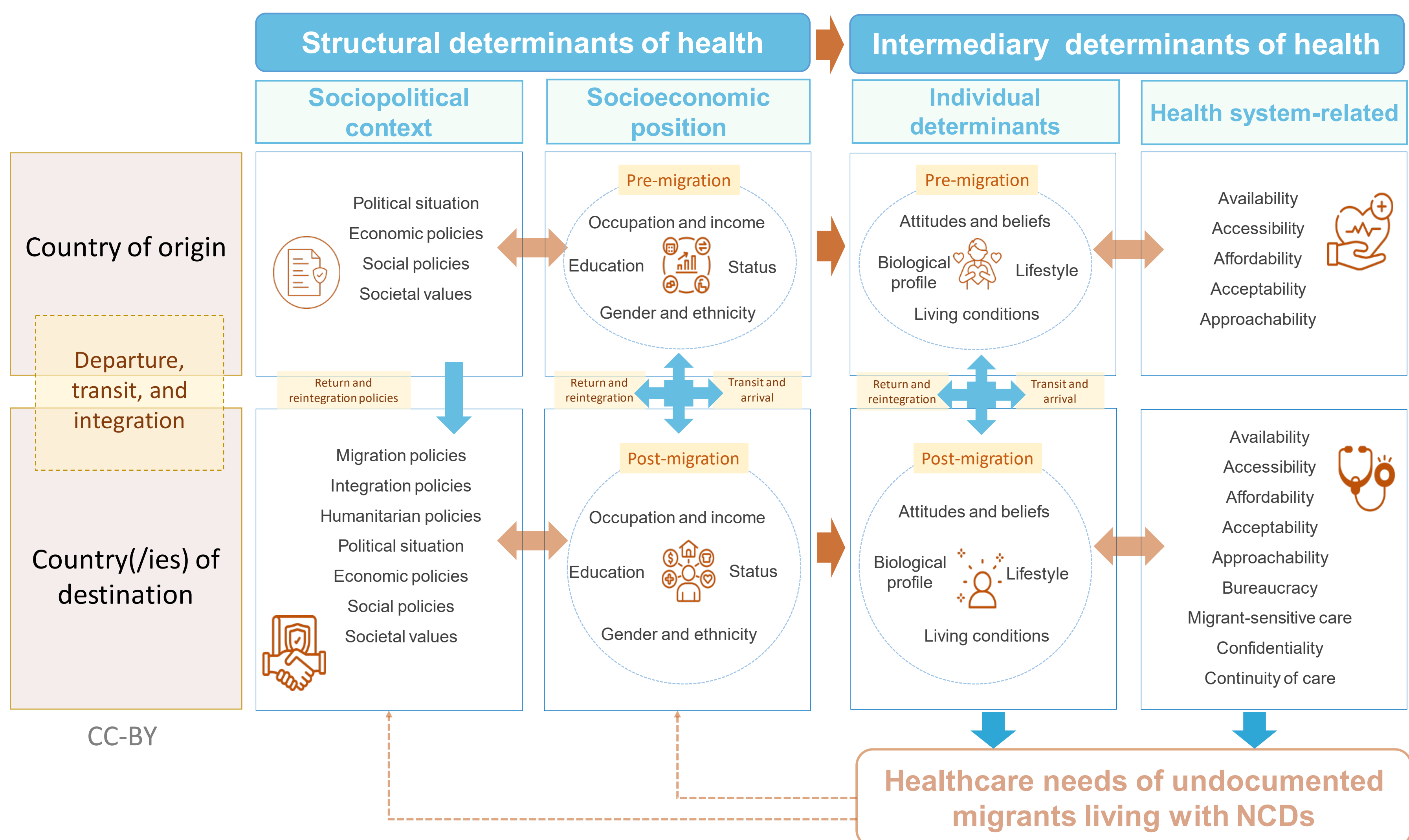
We conducted a scoping review to map the socioeconomic factors at the individual and structural levels along the migration journey - from the country of origin to transit, departure and integration in the country(/ies) of destination - that influence the healthcare needs of undocumented migrants living with noncommunicable diseases (NCDs).

The literature reviewed include Medline, Embase, Web of Science, and Google Scholar between 2000 and 2022. We included scientific articles that described interventions, programs, or policies that address cardiovascular disease, cancer, chronic respiratory disease, and diabetes.

Findings:

We included 22 studies out of 953 identified. They reported data from Italy, the United States, Spain, Switzerland, The Netherlands, France, Austria, and Sweden. Using the Commission on Social Determinants of Health framework^[1], a new conceptual model was developed as is hereby presented:

Conceptual model of social determinants of healthcare needs of undocumented migrants living with NCDs



Conclusion:

Migrant health policies should aim at better responding to NCDs-related healthcare needs of undocumented migrants throughout their migration journey, considering the social, economic, and legal factors that underlie their health vulnerability.

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