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Using Nominal Group Technique with a Diverse Refugee Patient Advisory Committee (PAC) to Identify Health and Research Priorities

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Cohort Characteristics

Median Age **34**

Immigration Status

- Canadian Citizen: **3**
- Landed immigrant/permanent resident: **2**
- Temporary Foreign worker: **1**
- Government assisted refugees: **3**



Discussion

1. Inclusive refugee Patient Advisory Committee can guide research program topics and priorities
2. Mental health services identified high priority among refugees
3. Centering refugees' healthcare perspectives critical for trust, partnerships, health, and reducing systemic barriers

Limitations

- Limited cohort hinders generalization; however, represents successful proof of concept towards cultivating more inclusive refugee health research

Implications

- With forced displacement soaring globally, prioritizing refugee inclusion in healthcare and health research is imperative to address their needs

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Background

- Critical gaps remain in providing refugee-centred specialized services.
- Refugee voices are often underrepresented in research.

Objective

1. Understand refugees' health needs, experiences, and priorities.
2. Have refugees develop and prioritize research topics for RHYC team.

EDI Considerations

- Diverse research team to enhance reliability, trust and rapport.
- Ethnoculturally diverse patient advisory group with lived experience.
- Collected sociodemographic data (i.e., age, sex, gender, ethnicity).

Methods

- We assembled a diverse **Patient Advisory Committee (PAC)** and used: **Nominal Group Technique (NGT)** to inclusively develop and rank healthcare and research priorities

4-step NGT Process:

1. Idea generation
2. Recording of ideas
3. Ideas Discussion
4. Voting

Results

Refugees' Health Research Priorities

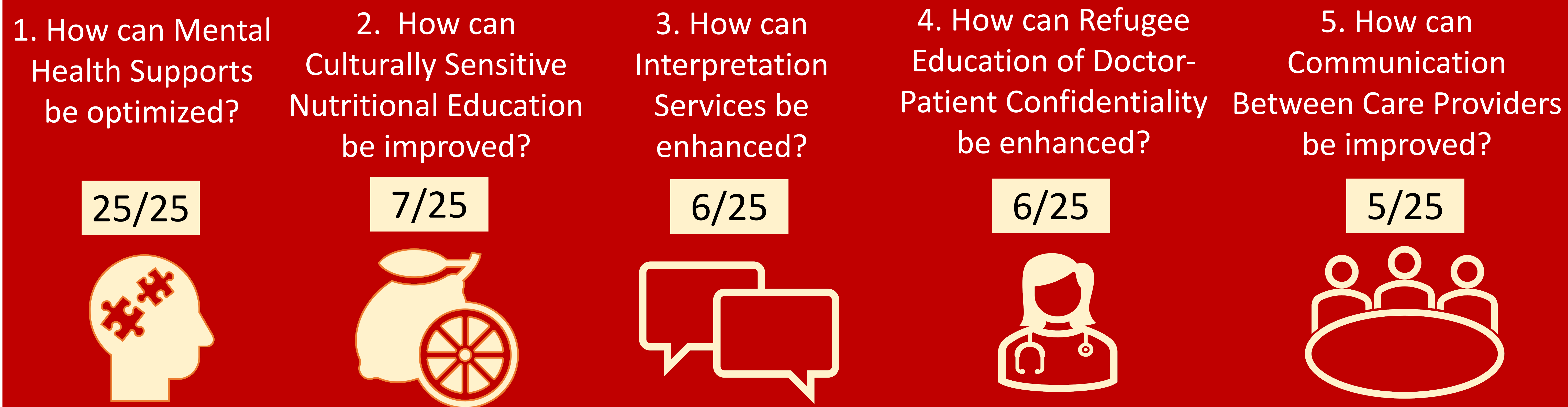


Figure 1. Ranked List and Vote Count of Refugee Patients' Health Research Priorities

Pre and Post Migration Healthcare Priorities

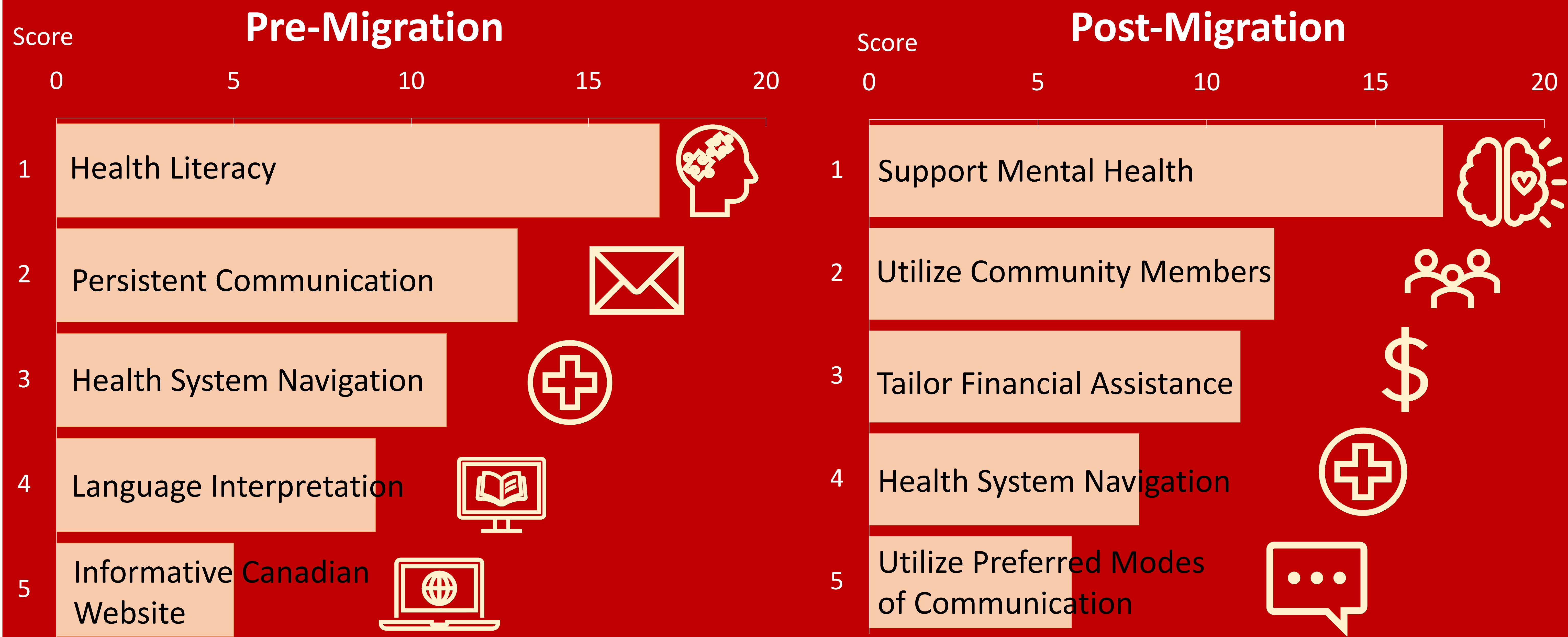


Figure 2. Ranked List and votes count of Pre and Post-arrival Health Priorities Among Refugee Patients