Medical deportations are a reality that exists in practice, but not in policy. Various terms are used to describe the practice of forcibly removing low-income, uninsured immigrant patients to other countries in order to avoid the burden of costly long-term care by hospitals.

This presentation provides greater detail about this little-known practice, including its historical formation, how it operates, and its larger social and legal implications. Medical deportations serve as important evidence of the current state of health care provision and immigration control.

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