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Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 24th Annual Conference of the National Hispanic Medical Association.

We are proud to welcome you to learn and share strategies to improve the health of our most vulnerable communities. Together we can work with public health as well as private sector stakeholders to reduce the COVID-19 pandemic economic, health and emotional impact on our families.

We are also proud to announce at this conference the NHMA “Vaccinate4All” Campaign with CDC and Johnson & Johnson to increase access to COVID-19 vaccinations. As health providers for the Hispanic community, we are the most trusted messengers to change health seeking behavior. We invite all here and your networks to join our Call to Action: to call for “Vaccinate4All” as you educate your patients/community about COVID-19 and vaccine uptake - through media, social media, videos, podcasts, blogs, newsletters and link to our HispanicHealth.info COVID-19 Resource Hub.

This year we focus on the sustainability of the NHMA to build our sphere of influence with all of you – NHMA Conference speakers, sponsors, exhibitors, and audience, NHMA Chapters, Interest Groups, Members and the Hispanic Health Professional Leadership Network, NHMA Council of Medical Societies, and our partner Latino Health Advocacy Organizations.

We request your giving back by helping with referrals to us for the following -

We are bringing back the NHMA Leadership Fellowship for mid-career Hispanic physicians to build the next generation of public health leaders. We are expanding our health communications and programs to focus on COVID-19, Heart Disease, Diabetes, Influenza, HIV, Obesity and educating our physicians to participate in Clinical Trials, and the NIH AllofUs and NIDDK research programs. Finally, we are supporting increased Hispanics in health professional careers by mentoring through our NHHF Hispanic Health Professional Scholarship Program and our NHMA College Health Scholars Program, and supporting Institutional Members, and Liaisons to Medical Schools and residency programs.

At this Conference, we are honored to have the White House, Congress and the U.S. Department Health and Human Services, Senate and Congress leaders share their vision and priorities to support access to affordable quality health and wellness care across the nation.

At our Awards Ceremony we look forward to the inspiration from all our Awardees. Lastly, we sincerely appreciate the support from key partners, exhibitors, planning committee, staff and consultants who have produced a successful conference. We look forward to meeting all of you. Enjoy the conference.

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Dear NHMA Friends:

On behalf of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC), it is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the 2021 Hispanic Health Conference hosted by the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA). The NHMA is dedicated to the critical mission of improving the health of Hispanic populations across the country.

Hispanics are the largest minority group in the United States and evaluating their health needs is critical to informing national health policy. The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has highlighted long-standing health, social, and economic inequities with Hispanic families continuing to bear the brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic. Now more than ever, it is critical to prioritize the health and well-being of Hispanic communities to ensure we are able to stop the spread of the coronavirus and recover from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic as quickly and safely as possible.

I applaud the National Hispanic Medical Association in their tireless work to address the dynamic health issues impacting our communities and families. The NHMA is shedding light on leading topics affecting Hispanic populations like an equitable response to COVID-19, improving Latino health literacy, confronting substance abuse issues, and Medicaid priorities.

A top priority for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus is to promote health equity in COVID-19 relief efforts to ensure critical economic, educational, and social activities resume. The NHMA is making vital contributions to ensuring the health and well-being of our Hispanic communities by breaking down barriers to preventative care and promoting cultural and linguistic sensitivity in health services.

Sincerely,

Raul Ruiz, M.D.
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CME STATEMENT

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CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

1. Describe how health care innovations are influencing medical care business to be more effective to increase access to care, quality, and value based physical and mental healthcare.

2. Review health services research that focuses on knowledge and policy strategies that show promise of eliminating health disparities.

3. Explain new prevention and treatment modalities and strategies to educate Hispanic patients and families in medical and dental practices about diabetes, cancer, obesity, asthma, cardiovascular disease, malnutrition, depression, Alzheimer’s disease, HIV/AIDS, opioid use, and disaster relief, in order to decrease morbidity and mortality among Hispanics.

4. Identify cultural competence, literacy, and language services programs for medical education and health care delivery targeted to Hispanics.

5. Describe how leadership skills and social media campaigns can be used to improve the health of Hispanic patients in public health, health care organizations and corporations.

DURING THE ACTIVITY

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Click on the “2021 NHMA 24th National Conference Enduring” link.

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Wednesday - March 17, 2021

7:00pm - 7:45pm  Opening Reception - sponsored by CDC, Centene Corporation, Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer Inc

Introduction of NHMA #Vaccinate4All Campaign

Elena Rios, MD, MSPH, FACP
President & CEO
NHMA and NHHF

Speakers:
The Honorable Raul Ruiz
U.S. Representative for California
Chairman, Congressional Hispanic Caucus

Joaquin Duato
Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee
Johnson & Johnson

Defining Health Disparities
Nicole Kulisek, MD - Senior Medical Director, Pfizer Inc
Donna Judd, Ph.D - Senior Director, Pfizer Inc

Welcoming Remarks:
Nereida Correa, MD, Chairwoman, NHMA Board of Directors
Mark Diaz, MD, Chairman, National Hispanic Health Foundation Board of Directors
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Winston Wong, MD, Chairman, Board of Directors, National Council of Asian Pacific Islander Physicians, representing the Alliance of Multicultural Physicians (NHMA, NMA, AAPI, NCAPIP and ABC)

7:45 pm - 9:00 pm  Networking Reception

Thursday - March 18, 2021

11:30am - 1:00pm  OPENING PLENARY - CME

Description: This presentation will provide a review of lessons learned from NHMA membership on COVID-19 response and program accomplishments over the past 2 years.

Welcome & NHMA 2021 Priorities

Elena Rios, MD, MSPH, FACP
President & CEO
National Hispanic Medical Association, Washington, DC
Federal Leadership

Moderator: Elena Rios, MD, MSPH, FACP
Marcella Nunez Smith, MD, MHS
Chair, COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force, Department of Health and Human Services
Senior Advisor, White House COVID-19 Response Team

RADM Felicia Collins, MD, MPH, FAAP
Acting Assistant Secretary of Health
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Lee A. Fleisher, MD
Chief Medical Officer and Director
Center for Clinical Standards and Quality
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Description: These presentations will discuss federal policies and programs that improve the health of Americans by decreasing disparities and increasing quality care.

1:15pm - 2:15pm  Workshops A

A1. Research: Latino Health – CME – supported by Sanofi
Moderator: Pilar Guerrero, MD, FACEP
Assistant Professor Emergency Medicine
Rush Medical College, Chicago, IL

Influenza: A Unique Problem in Vaccination
Bert Johansson, MD
Department of Pediatrics
Salud de Familia La Fe, El Paso, TX

Description: This presentation will provide an overview of lessons learned from influenza vaccine uptake - barriers and strategies for Latinos.

Integrated Efficacy and Safety Analysis Of GT1–6 Treatment-Naïve, Non-Cirrhotic and Compensated Cirrhotic Patients Who Received 8 Weeks Of Glecaprevir/Pibrentasvir
Julio Gutierrez, MD
Transplant Hepatologist, Gastroenterologist, and Obesity Medicine
Transplant Institute, Coronado, CA

Description: This presentation will review a research study about patients who suffer from cirrhosis.

Driver Mutations in US Latinos with Lung Adenocarcinoma Are Common and Portend a Worse Prognosis
Jonathan Villena-Vargas, MD
Assistant Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery
Weill Cornell Medicine, New York City, NY

Description: This presentation will explore the overall differences in the Latino patient with regards to lung cancer, particularly focusing on EGFR mutations.

Moderator: Judith Flores, MD, FAAP, CHQM
Test and Trace Corps, Health Care Facilities
NYC Health + Hospitals, Brooklyn, NY

SKATE: A Successful Medicaid Care Model for Latino Children with Special Health Care Needs
Luz Adriana Matiz, MD
Professor of Pediatrics
Columbia University Irving Medical Center
New York, NY

Description: This presentation will describe special health care needs treatment for Latino children supported by Medicaid in New York State.
Epilepsy and Latino Children
Angel Hernandez, MD
Division Chief, Neurosciences
Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital, Grand Rapids, MI

Description: This presentation will provide an overview of incidence, management and resources for Latino children with epilepsy.

Stop Vaping Among Latino Youth
Maritza Irizarry, MD
Sunrise Pediatrics
Phoenix, AZ

Description: This presentation will discuss how to decrease vaping and Latino children.

A3. Policy: Medicare and Medicaid Updates – CME
Moderator: Maria M. Garcia, MD, MPH, FACP
Assistant Vice Provost for Diversity and Student Success
Professor of Medicine
University of Massachusetts Medical School, Boston, MA

Medicare Advantage New Benefits
Congresswoman, Allyson Y. Schwartz
President & CEO, Better Medicare Alliance

Description: This presentation will discuss the Medicare Advantage program updates for providers to inform their patients.

National Priorities for Medicaid
Penny Thompson
Principal and Owner
Penny Thompson Consulting

Description: Discuss the major issues and challenges facing Medicaid programs across the country, including budgetary pressures, coverage gaps, disparities, health delivery system changes and reform, and complicated intersections with other coverage programs, public health and social supports; the ways in which states have sought and received flexibilities during the COVID-19 pandemic, that now face questions of wind-down or continuance; and how Congress, the Biden Administration, and states are formulating their agendas for the program.

Physician ICD-10 Codes for Social Determinants of Health
Nelly Leon-Chisen, RHIA
Executive Director of Coding and Classification
American Hospital Association, Chicago, IL

Description: This presentation will discuss coding for physicians to optimize payments for social determinants of health services to patients - transportation, food, housing and more.

A4. Physician Burnout and Mental Health Issues and Resilience – CME
Moderator: Jane Binger, EdD
Senior Advisor, COEDME, Stanford Medical School
Co-Founder, DeepTok

Burnout, Depression, and Suicide of Doctors in the US: Before and After COVID
Ruby Castilla-Puentes, MD
President, American Hispanic Psychological Society

Description: The pandemic has taken a very high price on the mental and emotional well-being of US physicians, with some groups reporting highest rates during this time, according to findings from the National Physician Burnout and Suicide Report 2021. An analysis from the psychiatric perspective and some guides to improve the situation in Hispanic and Non-hispanic physicians will be presented.
Diversity and Inclusion Leadership: Strategies for Retention and Engagement
Elizabeth Valencia, MD JD FCLM
Assistant Professor Department of Radiology
Mayo Clinic Rochester, MN

Description: This presentation provides diversity and inclusion strategies that can improve retention and engagement, and reduce burnout.

Burnout and Resiliency for Physicians
Leticia Vargas, MD
Ob-Gyn, San Antonio, TX

Description: This presentation will discuss strategies to decrease burnout and resiliency for physicians.

1:15pm - 4:45pm
NHMA- NIDDK Academic Training for Last Year Residents, Fellows, Instructors interested in Research Careers (closed) - Supported by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health

2:30pm – 3:00pm
Break

3:15pm – 4:15pm
INTEREST GROUP MEETING
NHMA Chapter Leaders and NHMA Members
Facilitator: Ricardo Correa, MD and Diana Torres-Burgos, MD

Description: This meeting will discuss priorities for Chapter activities and increasing membership in 2021.

5:00pm-6:00pm
INTEREST GROUP MEETINGS
Latino Surgical Society
Facilitator: Minerva Romero Arenas, MD, MPH, FACS
President, Latino Surgical Society

Description: This meeting will discuss priorities for the Latino Surgical Society and partnering with NHMA.

International Medical Graduates
Facilitator: Carlos Muñiz, MD and Dorys Chavez, MD

Description: This meeting will discuss priorities to advance IMG careers.

Friday - March 19, 2021

11:30am - 1:00pm
PLENARY: Latino Health Care, COVID-19 and Social Determinants of Health - CME - supported by the Centene Corporation

Description: This presentation will discuss strategies to decrease COVID-19 by addressing social determinants of health in cities with short-term and long-term impact on the health of Latinos.

Moderator: Jo Ivey Boufford, MD
Clinical Professor of Global Health,
NYU Graduate School of Global Public Health, NY, NY

Social Determinants Impact on Health Equity and COVID-19
Fernando Mendoza, MD
Associate Dean of Minority Advising and Programs
Professor of Pediatrics
Lucile Salter Packard Children’s Hospital Emeritus
Stanford University School of Medicine

COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy
Gloria Wilder, MD, MPH
VP, Innovation and Health Transformation, Government Relations
Centene Corporation, Washington, DC
Addressing Social Determinants of Health from a Managed Care Perspective

Dodie Grovet, LCSW
Director, Government Programs Clinical Operations
Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico

Addressing Social Determinants of Health and Environment

Angela M. Manso
National Outreach Director, Center For Policy Advocacy
Natural Resources Defense Council, Natural Resources Defense Council Action Fund

1:15pm - 2:15pm

WORKSHOPS B

B1. COVID-19 and Medical Education

Moderator: Pamela Montano Arteaga, MD
Director of the Latino Bicultural Clinic
Gouverneur Health, NYC Health + Hospitals
Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry
NYU School of Medicine, New York, NY

Agility in Adversity: One Medical Schools Response to COVID Crisis

Leonardo Seoane, MD
Chief Academic Officer and Senior VP
Ochsner Health, Jefferson, LA

Description: This presentation will present a case study to describe lessons learned during the first peak in COVID cases in the U.S. for an Academic Medical Center. This presentation will touch on organizational, medical school, and research response.

University of the Virginia and Latino Health: Meeting the Challenge Before and During COVID-19

Max A Luna, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine
Division of Cardiovascular Medicine
Director of the UVA Latino Health Initiative
Vice Chair of Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement, Department of Medicine
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Description: Lessons learned on the ground about Latinx communities social determinants of health leading to the challenges of COVID-19. Capitalizing from partnerships of an academic medical center with government and non-governmental organizations before and during a health crisis response.

Training Impact of COVID-19 for Resident Resilience

Susana R. Morales, MD
Vice Chair, Diversity, Department of Medicine, Weill Cornell/NY Presbyterian
Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine and Director,
Diversity Center of Excellence, Cornell Center for Health Equity
Associate Program Director, Internal Medicine Residency Training Program, New York, NY

Description: Improving and developing innovation for the training of resiliency in medical residents.

B2. Clinical Care of Patients with Chronic Disease – Maryland A – CME – supported by CDC Working Together Against HIV

Moderator: Robert Otto Valdez, Ph.D., MHSA
Associate Director
Office of Community Health
RWJF Professor
Family Community Medicine & Economics
University of New Mexico

HIV Care Update among Latinos

Kenneth L. Dominguez, MD, MPH, CAPT, USPHS
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention
Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention
Epidemiology Branch, Prevention for Negatives Team
Capacity Building of Community-Based Organizations to Encourage Annual Dilated Eye Exams Among Underserved Hispanic/Latino Adults

Maria Zacharias
Director of Communications, Office of Science Communications, Public Liaison, and Education
National Eye Institute, Bethesda, MD

Andrea Torres, PhD, MPH
Public Health Researcher, ICF Next

Description: This presentation will discuss NIE and its NEHEP partner, Ventanillas de Salud (VS) which are supported by the Mexican Consulates in the U.S., and its pilot program among underserved Hispanic/Latino adults. This mixed methods approach will (a) assess whether the partnership worked, and (b) show why the partnership worked or did not work.

COVID-19 Among Latinos in Chicago

Marina Del Rios, MD, MS
Associate Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine
Director of Social Emergency Medicine
Emergency Ultrasound Research Director
UI Health, University of Illinois, Chicago, Chicago, IL

Description: This presentation will provide a summary of the management of COVID-19 among Latinos in Chicago reporting to emergency departments.

B3. Building your Business in Medicine to Improve Health of Latinos – CME –

Moderator: Gilbert Burgos, MD, MPH
Executive Director of Medical Affairs
Elderplan/Homefirst, New York, NY

Starting a Private Practice

Alan Gonzalez-Cota, MD, FIPP
CEO & Founder
Legacy Spine and Pain Doctors, Rockville, MD

Description: This presentation will discuss important steps in planning and starting a medical practice with a large Latino patient panel.

Health Literacy and Latinos & COVID-19 Principles for Medical Practice

Russell Bennett, MBA, CHIE
Consultant
Institute for Healthcare Advancement, La Habra, CA

Description: This presentation will review materials to be used for medical practice and health education at appropriate literacy levels for lower educated persons about COVID-19.

Advancing Inclusive Research

Melissa S Gonzales, PhD
Inclusion Principal, External Partnering
Chief Diversity Office
Genentech
South San Francisco, CA

Description: Advancing Inclusive Research

An Introduction to Forensic Asylum Evaluations

Amy Zeidan, MD
Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine
Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia

Description: Introduce attendees to forensic physical/psychiatric asylum evaluations including a brief overview of asylum law and components of the physical and psychological evaluation.
B4. Hispanic and Latino Health Disparities - Women's Health - CME - supported by Planned Parenthood Federation of America

Moderator: Sergio Rimola, MD, FACOG
Attending Physician, OB-GYN Department
Inova Fairfax Hospital, Vienna, VA

Serving the Underserved: Addressing Health Care Disparities and Advocacy in a Border Community
Francisco Fernandez, MD
Founding Dean, Professor Emeritus
Department of Psychiatry
UTRGV School of Medicine
Harlingen, TX

Alfonso Mercado, PhD
Associate Professor, Department of Psychological Science
University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine, Harlingen, TX

Description: This presentation will discuss the under-recognition of trauma in Hispanics may be related to language differences, health literacy barriers, somatic presentations, and use of cultural idioms for reporting issues relating to abuse and neglect, violence, and sexual assault. Financial barriers (lack of insurance) limits access to adequate care. Through the UTRGV Multicultural Laboratory and VIDAS Community Outreach Program, a population health approach to improve early detection, diagnosis, treatment, and research in the Rio Grande Valley is now in place.

Partnering for Cancer Survivorship
Ana Maria Lopez, MD, MPH, MACP
Professor and Vice Chair, Medical Oncology, Sidney Kimmel Medical College
Chief of Cancer Services, Jefferson Health New Jersey, Sidney Kimmel Cancer Center, NCI Designated
Thomas Jefferson University

Shelley Fuld Nasso, MPP
CEO
National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship

Description: As the population of those surviving cancer increases and the recognition of long-term effects increases, we are increasingly aware of the need for team-based care in the care of patients surviving cancer. This session will describe the history of the survivorship movement, present data re: survivorship needs, and discuss collaborative models of care for cancer survivorship.

Traumatic Stress in Latino Immigrant Adolescents
Mayela Leal Chanchi, MD
MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, DC

Description: This presentation will discuss traumatic stress in Latino immigrant adolescents and a research study that was used to measure the presence of symptoms of traumatic stress and the availability of mental health services.

2:30pm - 3:30pm

NHMA INTEREST GROUP MEETING
NHMA Council of Young Physicians and NHMA Council of Residents
Facilitators: Pamela Montano Arteaga, MD, Chairwoman, and Keila Muniz, MD, Chairwoman

Imposter Syndrome
Rose Diaz, MD
University of Michigan Department of Emergency Medicine

Interactive Q & A

Discussion- Open Positions at COR and CYP Leadership Council
2:30pm - 3:30pm  NHMA INTEREST GROUP MEETING
Latino Medical Student Association
Facilitator: Donald Rodriguez, National President, LMSA
Description: These meetings will discuss priorities to advance the careers and support for each Interest Group.

2:30pm - 3:30pm  POSTER CHAT: Chat with presenters of Hispanic health research and service-learning posters

3:30pm - 6:30pm  EXHIBIT HALL: Chat with Exhibitors to Advance your Career and Educate your Patients – Residency Programs, Graduate Schools, Health Systems, Health Care Industry, Federal Government

3:30pm - 4:30pm  POSTER PRESENTATIONS: View presentations of Hispanic health research and service-learning posters - Judges – Jane Binger, EdD, Pilar Guerrero, MD, Ricardo Correa, MD, Maria Garcia MD, MPH, FACP, Minerva Campos, MD, MPH

1:15pm - 4:45pm  NHMA- NIDDK Academic Training for Last Year Residents, Fellows, Instructors interested in Research Careers (closed) – Supported by the National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health

7:00pm - 7:30 pm  Awards Reception - sponsored by PhRMA and Centene Corporation
Moderator: Neireda Correa, MD
NHMA Board of Directors
Bronx, NY

Speaker: Michael Ybarra, MD
Vice President, Medical Affairs and Strategic Alliances
PhRMA, Washington, DC

Presentation of Awards: Poster Presenters, Council of Young Physicians, Council of Residents (2020, 2021 leaders) ★SEE FULL LIST ON PAGE 29

7:30pm – 9:00pm  Networking Reception

S A T U R D A Y - M A R C H 2 0 , 2 0 2 1

11:00am-12:00pm  C1. Spotlight on Surgery and Latino Health Care - CME
Moderator: Minerva Romero Arenas, MD, MPH, FACS
President, Latino Surgical Society

April Mendoza, MD
Medical Director, MGH Nutrition Support Team, Associate Director, Surgical Intensive Care Unit, Harvard Medical School

Jonathan Villena-Vargas, MD
Assistant Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Weill Cornell Medicine

Chantal Reyna, MD, FACS, FSSO
Medical Director of Breast Program and Chief of Breast Surgery, Crozer Health System, Pennsylvania

Dr. Virginia Oliva Shaffer, MD
Associate Professor of Surgery, Division of General and GI Surgery & Division of Colorectal Surgery, Department of Surgery, Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University, Emory University School of Medicine
12:00pm – 2:00pm

SCIENTIFIC EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS
C2. Diabetes Educational Session - CME – supported by Novo Nordisk

Welcome and Introduction and Clinical Case Presentation

Chair: Enrique Caballero, MD
Director, Latino Diabetes Health
Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Hypertension
Brigham and Women’s Hospital
Faculty Director, International Innovation Programs
Office for External Education
Harvard Medical School
Boston, MA

Description: A Latino/Hispanic patient with type 2 diabetes with high cardiovascular and chronic kidney disease risk who has not achieved treatment targets and faces multiple medical, social, psychological and cultural challenges to improve diabetes control and reduce the risk of diabetes-related complications.

Lifestyle and Incident CKD: Findings from the Hispanic Community Health Study/Study of Latinos

Ana Ricardo, MD, MPH, MS
Associate Professor of Medicine
University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL

Description: This presentation will describe the association between unhealthy diet and incident chronic kidney disease, as well as describe the association between sedentary lifestyle and incident chronic kidney disease.

Key Pathophysiological Abnormalities and Clinical Manifestations of Type 2 Diabetes, the Metabolic Syndrome and Related Disorders in Latinos/Hispanics

Joanna Mitri, MD, MS
Instructor, Harvard Medical School
Research Associate, Section on Clinical, Behavioral, and Outcomes Research
Joslin Diabetes Center

Description: This presentation will describe the current understanding of the Development of type 2 diabetes, obesity, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease and the Metabolic syndrome in Latino patients with type 2 diabetes. It will also guide attendees on how to evaluate and address some of these diabetes related disorders in routine clinical practice in these patients.

Diabetes Education for the Latino Patient with Diabetes: Why, When, Where and How?

Ricardo Correa, MD, EsD, FACP, FAPCR, CMQ
Endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism fellowship program director
University of Arizona College of Medicine, Phoenix, AZ

Description: This presentation will illustrate the common challenges but also related opportunities to optimize diabetes patient education programs geared at the Latino/Hispanic community. Some examples of successful intervention will be shared with the audience as well as some key information on community resources to improve diabetes education in this high-risk group.

Kidney Disease in Patients with Diabetes: 2021 update

Sylvia Rosas, MD, MSCE
Associate Professor of Medicine
Joslin Diabetes Center/Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

Description: This presentation will provide an overview of the impact of diabetes on chronic kidney disease. In addition, the presentation will outline an assessment of current treatment options and new compounds which are currently in the pipeline for management of diabetic kidney disease.

Revisiting the Clinical Case + Panel Discussion
C3. Cardiovascular Disease Education Session – CME – supported by Amarin Pharma Inc.

Welcome and Introductions

Chair: Carlos J. Rodriguez MD, MPH, FACC, FAHA
Professor of Medicine, Cardiologist
Albert Einstein College of Medicine, The Bronx, NY

Current Status of Heart Failure (Hfpef And Hfref) Disparities and Treatment in the Latino/Hispanic Community

Hector O. Ventura, MD, FACC, FACP
Section Head, Cardiomyopathy and Heart Transplantation
Ochsner Medical Center Cardiology, New Orleans, LA

Description: This presentation will describe the pathophysiological connection of heart failure with cardiovascular risk factors such as diabetes, obesity, and hypertension in the Hispanic population. In addition, it will guide attendees on how to distinguish HFrEF and HFrEF and provide practical strategies to manage key heart failure conditions in the Hispanic population. This presentation will also address the important intersection of biological, psychosocial, emotional, and cultural factors that influence the development and course of cardiovascular disease among Latinos/Hispanics.

Dyslipidemia in the Latino/Hispanic Community

Leandro Slipczuk Bustamante, MD, PhD, FACC
Director of the Advanced Cardiac Imaging Program and the Cardiovascular Atherosclerosis and Lipid Disorder Center at Montefiore Cardiology Division
Albert Einstein College of Medicine, The Bronx, NY

Description: This presentation will describe the various lipid disorders relevant to the Hispanic population. It is not just LDL-C that is important among Hispanics but also mixed dyslipidemia, apoB, and Lp(a) levels. Familial hypercholesterolemia (whether homozygous or heterozygous) will be discussed as this condition is likely underappreciated and undertreated among Hispanics.

Coronary Heart Disease (Angina, Heart Attacks and Coronary Revascularization) in The Latino Patient: Why, When, Where and How

Mauricio G. Cohen, MD, FACC, FSCAI
Professor of Medicine
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL

Description: This presentation will illustrate the common challenges but also relate opportunities related to management of coronary heart disease in the Hispanic population. Some examples of successful interventions will be shared with the audience as well as some key information on community resources to improve cardiovascular health in this high-risk group.

National Hypertension Control Initiative and other Heart Disease Priorities for Health Equity

Eduardo Sanchez, MD, MPH, FAAP
Chief Medical Officer for Prevention
American Heart Association, Dallas, TX

Description: This presentation will discuss the new National Hypertension Control Initiative with CDC, HRSA, Community Health Centers tele monitoring projects and American Heart Association targeted media campaigns to help reach Black, Latino, and other communities.

Telehealth and Home Care for Spanish Speaking Latino Patients with Cardiovascular Patient

Mario Anglada
CEO, Hoy Health, NJ

Description: this presentation will discuss a model for physicians to improve telehealth and home care of their patients who are Spanish speaking with cardiovascular disease.

Panel Discussion
12:00pm - 1:00pm  

**C4. MEDICAL STUDENT SESSION: Key Decisions in Surgery Careers**  
Moderator: Minerva Romero Arenas, MD, MPH, FACS  
President, Latino Surgical Society  

Description: This presentation will provide an overview of admission preparation for surgical residency programs and career activities of the speakers.

**Susana Vargas-Pinto, MD**  
Endocrine Surgeon, Nuvance Health Norwalk Hospital

**Dr. Gricelda Gomez, MD**  
Urologist, Harvard Medical School

**Dr. Joseph Lopez, MD, MBA**  
Instructor in Surgery, Division of Plastic Surgery, Yale School of Medicine

**Dr. Joaquin Camara, MD**  
Neurosurgeon, Neurosurgery Foundation Inc.

**Dr. Melissa Esparza, MD**  
Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon, Phoenix Children’s Hospital


1:15pm – 2:15pm  

**C5. MEDICAL STUDENT SESSION: Key Decisions in Medicine Careers**  
Moderator: Evita Limon-Rocha MD, MPH  
Child, Adolescent, and Adult Psychiatrist  
Kaiser Permanente, Riverside, CA  

Description: This presentation will provide an overview of admission preparation for medical residency programs and career activities of the speakers.

**Rose Diaz, MD**  
Emergency Medicine Physician, University of Michigan Department of Emergency Medicine

**Ruben Mora, MD**  
Family Medicine Physician, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Medical School

**Ilan Shapiro Strygler, MD, FAAP, FACHE**  
Pediatrician, AltaMed Health Services, Inc., Los Angeles, CA

**Marina Capella, MD**  
Internist, Intermountain Healthcare

**Patricia Perez Ibarra, MD**  
Internist, Kaiser Permanente Southern California


2:15pm - 3:45pm  

**C6. Leadership Institute for Medical Societies, Health Professional Associations, Patient Advocacy Organization Leaders – Diversity in Clinical Trials & Substance Abuse**  
-CME – supported by All of Us Research Program and NHLBA

**Leadership Lessons Learned RoundRobin**  
Moderator: Elena Rios, MD, MSPH, FACP  
President & CEO  
National Hispanic Medical Association, Washington, DC

Description: This presentation will discuss the priorities to sustain health professional organizations through an interactive round robin of efforts from the participating organizations of the Hispanic Health Professional Leadership Network, NHMA Council of Medical Societies, Latino Advocacy Organizations.
Clinical Trials and All of Us Research Program of NIH
Edgar M. Gil Rico
Senior Director
Innovation and Program Development
National Alliance for Hispanic Health

Description: This presentation will discuss strategies to participate in AllofUs Research Program and other clinical trials to increase Latino participation.

Substance Use Treatment and Behavioral Illness Prevention for Latinos
Pierluigi Mancini, PhD, MAC, NCAC II
Project Director
National Hispanic and Latino Addiction Technology Transfer Center
National Hispanic and Latino Prevention Technology Transfer Center

Ruben Lozano, PharmD
President
National Latino Behavioral Health Association, Albuquerque, NM

Fredrick Sandoval, MPA
Executive Director
National Latino Behavioral Health Association, Albuquerque, NM

Description: This presentation will highlight the work of the National Latino Behavioral Health Association as it addresses Latinx substance use disorder and Substance misuse prevention among Latinos.

Roundtable Discussion from the leaders of national and regional Latino health organizations

2:15pm - 4:15pm
C7. NHMA Project Development: Artificial Intelligence Trends in Medicine for Health Equity – CME – supported by the American Medical Association
Moderator: Claudia H. Zamora, MPA, NHMA
Board of Directors, Principal, Zamora Consulting Group
Washington, DC

2:15pm - 2:45pm
Welcome, Advancing Racial Justice and Equity through Quality and Safety: 5 Key Drivers

Keynote Speaker: Karthik Sivashanker
Vice President
Equitable Health Systems and Innovation
American Medical Association, Chicago, IL

Description: This interactive session will cover 1) foundational concepts on health equity, including the various types of bias and discrimination commonly seen in healthcare; and, 2) a new framework for advancing racial justice and equity in the health care arena by leveraging high-performance quality and safety practices to systematically make inequities visible and to address and resolve them as an integral part of health care practice.

2:45pm - 3:15pm
Key Concepts in AI and Healthcare Applications
Anthony Reina, MD
Chief AI Architect for Health and Life Sciences
Intel, San Diego, CA

Michael D. Abramoff, MD, PhD
Robert C. Watzke Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, University of Iowa
Founder and Executive Chairman, Digital Diagnostics
Chair, Foundational Principles of Algorithmic Interpretation, CCOI
3:15 pm - 3:45pm

Key Considerations to Address Risks and to Optimize Benefits
Mark Sendak, MD, MPP
Population Health & Data Science Lead
Duke Institute for Health Innovation, Duke University

Mia Keys
Director of Health Equity Policy & Advocacy
American Medical Association, Washington, DC

3:45pm - 4:15pm

Next Steps Facilitators: Claudia Zamora and Sylvia Trujillo

7:00pm-8:00pm

Networking Reception

8:00pm-9:00pm

NHMA Leadership Awards Ceremony

Master of Ceremonies
Raul A. Reyes, Contributor to CNN and NBC Latino

Welcome
Elena Rios, MD, MSPH, FACP, President & CEO, NHMA
Nereida Correa, MD, Chairwoman, NHMA Board of Directors
Mark Diaz, MD, Chairman, NHHF Board of Directors

Keynote Speaker:
Sister Norma Pimentel
Executive Director, Catholic Charities, Rio Grande Valley

NHMA Hispanic Health Leadership Awardees
- Government: Anthony Fauci, MD, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease
- Physicians: Ciro Sumaya, MD, MPHTM and Richard Zapanta, MD (posthumously)

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RAUL A. REYES  
*Contributor to CNN and NBC Latino*

Raul A. Reyes is an attorney, journalist and television commentator in New York City. He is a member of the Board of Contributors of USA Today, and a contributor to NBC Latino and CNN Opinion. He has written for the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Christian Science Monitor, Texas Monthly, and more. He has appeared on The Today Show, NBC Nightly News, MSNBC, CNN, PBS, Fox News, and Headline News. Reyes is a graduate of Harvard University and Columbia Law School.

ELENA RIOS, MD, MSPH, FACP  
*President & CEO, NHMA*

Dr. Rios serves as President & CEO of the National Hispanic Medical Association, (NHMA), representing 50,000 Hispanic physicians in the United States. The mission of the organization is to improve the health of Hispanics. Dr. Rios also serves as President of NHMA’s National Hispanic Health Foundation to direct educational and research activities.

Dr. Rios also serves on Better Medicare Alliance and the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda Boards of Directors, Centene Health Policy Advisory Committee, Centene Health Equity Committee, Cancer Treatment Centers for America Hispanic Advisory Council, Morehouse Health Equity Committee, Office of Research on Women's Health Advisory Committee, NIH, US Department of Health and Human Services, and the VA National Academic Affiliations Council. Dr. Rios has lectured, published articles and has received several leadership awards, including awards from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Congressional Black, Hispanic, Asian and Native American Caucuses, American Public Health Association Latino Caucus, Association of Hispanic Health Executives, Minority Health Month, Inc., Hispanic Magazine, Verizon’s First Pollin Community Service Award, and Amerigroup. Dr. Rios was appointed to the Minority Alumni Hall of Fame of Stanford University in October, 2006, as a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine in 2007, the Institute of Medicine Global Forum for Health Professions Education in 2014, as a Fellow of the American College of Physicians in 2016, and as a member of the Society of Medical Administrators in 2017.

Prior to her current positions, Dr. Rios served as the Advisor for Regional and Minority Women’s Health for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women’s Health from November 1994 to October 1998 and in the Carefirst Blue Cross Blue Shield board of directors. In 1998-2004, Dr. Rios served as Executive Director, Hispanic Serving Health Professions Schools. In 1993, Dr. Rios was appointed to the National Health Care Reform Task Force as Coordinator of Outreach Groups for the White House. From 1992-94, Dr. Rios worked for the State of California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development as a policy researcher.

Dr. Rios has also served as President, Chicano/Latino Medical Association of California, Founder of the National Network of Latin American Medical Students, member of the California Department of Health Services Cultural Competency Task Force, the Stanford Alumni Association, Women's Policy Inc., Care First Blue Cross Blue Shield Board of Directors, Nurse Family Partnerships, Campaign Against Obesity, and Partnership for Prevention Boards of Directors, PacificCare-UnitedHealthcare California Investment Committee, CDC Health Disparities Committee, ASU Health Futures Council and the AMA's Disparities Commission and Minority Affairs Consortium Steering Committees.

Dr. Rios earned her BA in Human Biology/Public Administration at Stanford University in 1977, MSPH at the UCLA School of Public Health in 1980, MD at the UCLA School of Medicine in 1987, and completed her Internal Medicine residency at the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose and the White Memorial Medical Center in East Los Angeles in 1990, and her NRSA Primary Care Research Fellowship at UCLA Division of General Internal Medicine in 1992.
Welcome

Mark Diaz, MD

Mark Diaz, MD is a UC Davis College of Agriculture graduate. He was an undergraduate cofounder of UC Davis CHE, a Latino Pre-medical club. He was a cofounder of Clínica Tepati, a free clinic for Spanish-speaking patients. He is a graduate of the University Of California San Francisco, School Of Medicine. He completed his Family Medicine Residency and a Song-Brown Family Medicine Fellowship at the University of California Davis Medical Center. He is Board Certified in Family Practice and Occupational Medicine. Dr. Diaz was a founding member of the National Hispanic Medical Association, the National Hispanic Health Foundation and the National Hispanic Pharmacists Association. He is currently the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Hispanic Health Foundation. He is a Volunteer Clinical Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine of the University of California, Davis. He is also a Volunteer Assistant Clinical Professor for California Northstate University School of Medicine. He is a Medical Consultant for the California Public Employees Retirement System.

Welcome

Nereida Correa, MD, MPH

Nereida Correa is an Associate Clinical Professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology and Women's Health and in Family and Social Medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She serves as Senior Advisor of the first Hispanic Center of Excellence in New York State and Co-Director of the Summer Undergraduate Mentorship Program at Einstein. She is currently the Chair of the Board of the National Hispanic Medical Association. Dr. Correa has an active practice in the Bronx and is an attending physician at the North Central Bronx Hospital of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation.

She has served on the Maternal Mortality Review Board of the New York City Department of Health and has been actively participating in initiating a Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Process in the Bronx. It is her belief that in reviewing what has happened we can be enabled to make changes that will prevent these tragedies in the future.

She teaches in a course, required of third-year medical students, entitled Patients, Doctors, and Communities and is responsible for developing the section of the course pertaining to cultural competency, implicit bias and health disparities. Dr. Correa was the Education Core Director of the Bronx Center to Reduce and Eliminate Ethnic and Racial Disparities in Health and took part in the development and publication of the monograph entitled Teaching Cases Exploring Cross-Cultural Care.

Dr. Correa is a member of the National Hispanic Medical Association and the National Hispanic Health Foundation, and was in the first group of NHMA Leadership Fellows. As a member of the Board, , and has been active in helping develop Regional Chapters in New York, El Paso, Texas and other key Hispanic cities.

Born in Puerto Rico, Dr. Correa was the first of her family to advance to higher education. She graduated from Bronx Community College, obtained her BS from Long Island University, and achieved an MA in Nursing Education from New York University. After nineteen years of working as a nurse and teaching in Nursing, Dr. Correa received her MD from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and, later, an MPH from Columbia University.

Dr. Correa has been honored by El Diario/La Prensa as one of Fifty Hispanic Women in 2003 and was included in the Women in Medicine Exhibit of the National Institutes of Health Library of Medicine. In 2004, she was chosen as a Health and Human Services Primary Health Care Policy Fellow and in 2009, was honored by the National Organization for Women in NYC with the Women of Power & Influence Awards. She is a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine.

She is passionate about teaching and mentoring students in all levels of their journey towards fulfilling their career goals and has been proud to supervise students in reading and research electives exploring the many facets of cross-cultural care of the communities that we serve. She has worked in Kosovo, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico initiating maternal and child health projects through Doctors of the World and is most recently mentoring students in their Global Health electives at Einstein.
**SISTER NORMA PIMENTEL**

*Executive Director, Catholic Charities*  
*Rio Grande Valley*

Norma Pimentel is a sister with the Missionaries of Jesus and a licensed professional counselor. As Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley, she oversees the charitable arm of the Diocese of Brownsville, providing oversight of the different ministries and programs in the areas of emergency assistance, housing assistance, counseling, and pregnancy care to all four counties in the Rio Grande Valley.

Sister Norma chairs the local Emergency Food and Shelter Program that distributes federal funds to local agencies providing assistance to the area's poor. She also leads efforts in the community that responds to emergency needs and provides relief in times of disaster and crisis. She was instrumental in organizing community resources to respond to the surge of Central Americans seeking asylum in the United States and setting up Humanitarian Respite Centers in McAllen and Brownsville, Texas in June 2014.

These efforts brought Sister Norma recognition as a recipient of the 2015 Martin Luther King, Jr. “Keep the Dream Alive” Award from Catholic Charities USA and a nomination for “Texan of the Year.” In March, 2015, she spoke at the UN Headquarters in New York City at the invitation of the Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations.

During the U.S. Papal visit, Sr. Norma met with Pope Francis in New York City and presented him with one of her original paintings which depicted an immigrant mother and child. She was first introduced to Pope Francis in August 2015 via a “virtual town hall” arranged by ABC news which later aired in a one-hour special edition of “20/20.” In December 2015, Our Sunday Visitor named Sister Norma as one of eight Catholics in the Year, “men and women, religious and lay — who made an indelible mark in 2015.”

Before overseeing Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley, Sister Pimentel was one of the leaders who directed Casa Oscar Romero, a refugee shelter in San Benito and later Brownsville for Central Americans fleeing their war torn countries in the 1980s. The shelter provided emergency relief and temporary housing for hundreds of thousands of refugees.

Sister Norma received her Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts from Pan American University in Edinburg, Texas, a Master's Degree in Theology from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology from Loyola University in Chicago, IL, and an Honorary PhD in Humane Letters from Holy Family University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**ANTHONY FAUCI, MD**

Anthony S. Fauci, M.D. is director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) at the U.S. National Institutes of Health, where he oversees an extensive research portfolio focused on infectious and immune-mediated diseases. As the long-time chief of the NIAID Laboratory of Immunoregulation, Dr. Fauci has made many seminal contributions in basic and clinical research and is one of the world’s most-cited biomedical scientists. He was one of the principal architects of the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), a program that has saved millions of lives throughout the developing world.
Ciro Sumaya, MD, MPHTM

Ciro V. Sumaya, M.D., M.P.H.T.M., was a native of Brownsville, Texas, was the Founding Dean (1997-2008) of the School of Rural Public Health, Texas A&M Health Science Center in College Station. He held the John and Maureen Cox Endowed Chair in Medicine and was a Professor, Health Policy and Management at A&M.

Previous to becoming Dean of the School of Rural Public Health, Dr. Sumaya was a Presidential (Clinton) appointee at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He first served as Administrator of Health Resources and Services Administration, a federal focal point for innovation in health care delivery and health professions education, and subsequently served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, spearheading the federal Initiative on the Future of Academic Health Centers.

In 1993 he was selected to serve on the Presidential Task Force on Health Care Reform.

Before federal service, Dr. Sumaya was Associate Medical Dean at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and also held an academic position at the Pediatric Infectious Disease Division, UCLA School of Medicine. As Associate Dean he established the South Texas Health Research Center, Area Health Education Center of South Texas, and Medical Treatment Effectiveness Research Center.

Dr. Sumaya has published more than 109 professional journal articles and book chapters on pediatric viral infections, emerging as a leading physician-scientist in childhood infectious mononucleosis. An additional 36 publications target national public health and policy issues.

Dr. Sumaya was one of the six Founding Scholars in Academic Administration and Health Policy of the Association of Academic Health Centers and an Executive Committee Member of the Surgeon General’s National Hispanic Health Initiative. He has served on multiple national-level biomedical and policy advisory committees sponsored by the Institute of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, and Federal Drug Administration, among others.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree (1963) with high honors and selection to Phi Beta Kappa from The University of Texas at Austin. His Doctor of Medicine degree (1966) and selection into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society was obtained at The University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

Following a pediatric residency at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he completed a postgraduate fellowship in pediatric infectious diseases at Tulane University School of Medicine. He also earned a Master in Public Health and Tropical Medicine degree from Tulane University School of Public Health.

Dr. Sumaya has received numerous honors and awards including the Ashbel Smith Distinguished Alumni Award from The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Texas at Brownsville/Texas Southmost College, Distinguished Fellow of the Public Health Advisory Board in Washington, DC, Juan Carlos Finlay Award from the U.S. Public Health Service, and was selected to the 101 Most Influential Hispanics in the U.S. (2009).

He has served as Board Chairman for the National Hispanic Medical Association and as a member of the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the principal recommending governmental body for vaccines administered to the American public. He served on the Board of Trustees of Ascension Health, the largest nonprofit health system in the country, the Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative-Research Board overseeing the recovery agenda for the region’s massive oil spill (2010), and the President’s Council for Novartis Pharmaceuticals.
Richard Zapanta, MD

Dr. Richard Zapanta, a fourth generation Mexican-American, was born and raised in East Los Angeles.

Dr. Zapanta was in private practice since 1979 and a senior partner of Eastside Orthopedic Medical Associates. Dr. Zapanta’s other business ventures included the Plaza Surgical Center, Monterey Park Medical Plaza, Promerica Bank, Camacho’s Restaurants, and Associated Hispanic Physician’s IPA.

Dr. Zapanta was a founder of the USC Mexican American Alumni Association, one of the first Mexican American alumni of the Keck USC School of Medicine and supported both with scholarships and mentoring and served on the medical school admissions committee. Dr. Zapanta also served as a Trustee of Children’s Hospital Los Angeles, Whittier College, Alta Med Health Services Foundation, Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center Foundation and the LA Health Foundation. Dr. Zapanta has been a mentor and supporter of a great many Latino premedical and medical students.

Dr. Zapanta was appointed to the Board of Directors of the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) in 2009 and then joined the Advisory Board. He focused his efforts on representing NHMA to the National Movement is Life Annual Conference in Washington, DC, started the Latino Orthopedic Association. In Los Angeles, since 2012, Dr. Zapanta supported the National Hispanic Health Foundation’s (NHHF) Hispanic Professional Student Scholarship and hosted receptions at his home, sponsored the Gala, and brought family and community leaders to the event. NHHF presented Dr. Zapanta with a Hispanic Leadership Award.

Dr. Zapanta graduated from Garfield High School, East Los Angeles College and received a bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Southern California (USC) in 1968 followed by a post-baccalaureate year at Haverford College in Philadelphia. In 1973 he received his medical degree followed by a surgical internship, one year neurology residency, and orthopedic surgery residency at Keck USC Medical School and Los Angeles County USC Medical Center. He and his wife Rebecca have been art collectors, sharing their art in exhibits globally, raised five children and have been active leaders in the Los Angeles community.
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NATIONAL HISPANIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HISTORY

Established in 1994, the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) represents 50,000 licensed Hispanic physicians in the U.S. Its office is in Washington, DC and its mission is to empower Hispanic physicians to improve the health of Hispanic populations with our public and private partners.

The NHMA was developed as a result of a meeting of a core group of physicians who came together at the White House working on health care reform in 1993. During the meeting it was decided an organization was needed to fill a void in Washington, DC – the need for a voice for Hispanic/Latino physicians as advocates for Hispanic health with the Federal government. This decision grew from a history of organizing efforts dating back to the 1960s when Hispanic medical students formed regional associations and local societies focused on social and charitable activities. In 1982, Dr. Elena Rios established the California Chicano/Latino Medical Student Association with medical student leaders and its Super Network to link with 25 California Chicano premed clubs, and in 1987 the National Latin American Medical Student Network (now known as Latino Medical Student Association) with advisors from New Jersey, Sacramento, and Chicago medical schools. Physician leaders from these groups came together in Washington, DC to start NHMA.

From 1995 to 1996, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Health Resources and Services Administration supported 5 regional meetings with Hispanic health leaders and 2 NHMA Advisory Committee meetings to recommend priorities to the Board. In 1997, NHMA convened its First National Conference. In October 1998, Dr. Rios left HHS to become the Executive Director supported by a Cooperative Agreement of HHS Office of Minority Health. In 2000, NHMA opened its first office and began to receive funding from a number of Foundations, government, and the private sector for programs: launching the Hispanic-Serving Health Professional Schools, NHMA Leadership Fellowship, Resident Leadership Program, Public Health Fellowship, Research Network, Cultural Competence Curriculum Project, National Hispanic Health Leadership Summit with CHC/HHS/RWJF, and the Congressional Hispanic Health Briefing Series and government affairs unit supported by the California Endowment. In 2004, NHMA invited other Hispanic leaders to meet at its Conference and they formed the National Hispanic Health Professional Leadership Network and the NHMA Council of Medical Societies to promote leadership among their members.

In 2005, NHMA completed a strategic review and expanded its Board of Directors to include nationally recognized leaders and in 2006, developed its Membership plan. A first step in this strategy was the establishment of a portal (HispanicHealth.info) to share calendar of meetings, community forums, and key resources. In 2007-2008, NHMA and OMH convened regional policy summits on access, prevention, workforce for the next five years, and recommendations for health care reform were presented to the Obama Administration, Senator Kennedy (D-MA), and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus. In 2009, NHMA established its Council of Residents (COR) which was placed, along with the Latino Medical Student Association, on its Board. In 2011-2012, NHMA Board had retreats to rebrand its logo & member services – Annual Conference, policy summits, nominations to Federal and private sector commissions, job board, affinity programs, Institutional membership, the Council of Young Physicians (CYP). In 2013, NHMA started six NHMA Region Policy Forums with the White House and HHS on the Affordable Care Act and in 2014, mentoring of Pre-Med, Medical, and Public Health Students. In 2015, NHMA held a Diversity in Research & Medicine Summit with NIMHD and developed a Congress bill (HR 2927) STEM Pre-Med Pathway to Medical School with Congressman Joe Heck (R-NV) and Congressman Raul Ruiz (D-CA), and advocacy for access to preventive, health and mental health care, and ACA enrollment and implementation. In 2016, NHMA continued its health communications projects with CDC on HIV, ASTHO on adult Flu Vaccines, CMS with medical practice transformation, and Amgen on CVDz Summits, and Congressional Briefings on health disparities/workforce. In 2017, NHMA started its College Health Scholars supported by HHS OMH to recruit Latino college students to health careers, Medical School Liaison Program and partnered with the AllofUs Research Program. In 2019, NHMA started Chapters. In 2020 NHMA started COVID-19 webinars and continued HHS and Congressional input on health equity and COVID-19. In addition, NHMA is planning the first national physician survey on HIV Care of Latino patients and continues to participate with speakers in several national meetings to discuss Hispanic health priorities for COVID-19 and health equity. In 2021, NHMA announced the “Vaccinate 4 ALL” campaign with CDC and J&J. We look forward to working with the Biden Administration.

For more information and to join NHMA, go to www.nhmamd.org
NATIONAL HISPANIC HEALTH FOUNDATION HISTORY

The National Hispanic Health Foundation (NHHF) (501c3) was established in 1994 in Washington, DC as the philanthropic arm of the NHMA. The mission of the Foundation is to support educational and research activities to improve the health of Hispanics. In 2005, NHHF became affiliated with and located at the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University. In 2012, NHHF moved to the New York Academy of Medicine to build its community-based research and started submitting research grants. In 2020, due to COVID-19, NHHF moves to the NHMA Office.

In 2004, NHHF established the National Hispanic Health Professional Student Scholarship Program for medical, nursing, dental, public health, and policy students with outstanding academic records, leadership, and commitment to serving Hispanics. The following year, we invited the National Association of Hispanic Nurses, Hispanic Dental Association, Latino Caucus of American Public Health Association, the NYU-Wagner Graduate School of Public Service and an honorary committee of NY elected officials, to help us present our first ten scholarships. In 2007, NHHF started its partnership with the United Health Foundation in this unique national effort and in 2008, a second annual Gala in California. In 2005, NHHF established its Corporate Advisory Board, meeting twice a year with NHHF Board of Directors. In 2011, NHHF partnered with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to develop a 5 year project, “Hispanic Early Childhood Obesity Physician Leadership and Health Communications Project” with a report of strategies from our NY and CA leaders. Beginning in 2009, NHHF was supported by the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation to convene national summits to create policy to improve diversity in the health workforce:

A) “Increasing Diversity in Title VII Summit, 2009”: 25 African American and Hispanic and other medical experts met on improving diversity in medical education.

B) “The President’s STEM Initiative Expansion to Health Professions and Diversity, Summit, 2013”: 30 leaders met with White House, Congressional Hispanic Caucus, Department of Education, HRSA, NIH, National Sciences Foundation, Institute of Medicine, on expanding STEM for recruitment of K-12, College underrepresented students to health professions and developing private/public partnerships for health professions programs. This project has resulted in legislation introduced by bipartisan support in the House and Senate to create a prehealth terminal degree pathway for Hispanic Serving Institutions.


D) Medical Spanish Summit, 2018 with linguistic and medical school faculty.

In 2017, we started the NHHF Clinical Trials Project – targeted at physicians in private practice with large Hispanic patient panels to recruit physicians to participate in research including the All of Us Research Program and Research Network – in development with support from PCORI grants.

In 2018, after 2 years of planning, NHHF supported the National Hispanic Pharmacists Association.
In 2019, NHHF started its Stop Vaping Campaign supported by Aetna Foundation-CVS Health.
In 2020, NHHF started its Health Literacy and Clinical Practice Project supported by Centene and expansion of the Research Network with mentoring for Clinical Trial diversity, especially in the Hispanic community.

For more information: wwwNHMAFoundation.org
2021 UPCOMING EVENTS

Webinars
- COVID-19 Briefing Series #Vaccinate4All Campaign
  - Session 7: Wednesday, April 28 | 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Eastern Time
  - Last Wednesday of every month (excluding December 2021)
- NHMA/NIH All of Us Research Program Fireside Chat Series
  - Session 5: Women’s Health - Thursday, May 27 | 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Eastern Time
- NHMA Chapter Events
  - Monthly Starting April 2021
- Tomando Acción por Nuestra Salud
  - April 2021 - Website Launch Fireside Chat
- CDC- HIV/AIDS Project
  - June 2021 - HIV Long Term Survivors Awareness Day
  - September 2021 - National HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

Twitter Chats - 1 PM Eastern Time
- CDC- HIV/AIDS
  - April 16 - National Transgender HIV Testing Day
  - June 25 - National HIV Testing Day
  - September 27 - National Gay Men’s HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
- NHMA/NIH All of Us Research Program
  - April 26 - National DNA Day
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  - May 2021 - Twitter Chat

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Adverse Events reported in clinical trials of ezetimibe, and occurring at an incidence greater than in placebo, included upper respiratory tract infection, diarrhea, arthralgia, sinusitis, pain in extremity, fatigue, and influenza. Other adverse events reported in postmarketing use of ezetimibe included hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylaxis, angioedema, rash, and urticaria; erythema multiforme; myalgia; elevated creatine phosphokinase; myopathy; h/o myoglobinuria; elevations in liver transaminases; hepatitis; abdominal pain; thrombocytopenia; pancreatitis; nausea; dizziness; pancreatitis; depression; headache; cholelithiasis; cholecystitis.

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IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION (cont.)
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Fibrates: Coadministration of NEXLETOL with fibrates other than fenofibrate is not recommended. Fenofibrate and ezetimibe may increase cholesteryl esterification into the bile, leading to cholelithiasis. If cholelithiasis is suspected in a patient receiving NEXLETOL and fenofibrate, gallbladder studies are indicated and alternative lipid-lowering therapy should be considered.

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3) developing tools and resources to engage the next generation of prevention professionals. The intent of these efforts is to increase capacity, skills, and expertise to ensure and/or enhance delivery of effective substance abuse prevention interventions, trainings, and other prevention activities.

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2) provide more intensive technical assistance to improve processes and practices in the delivery of SUD treatment and recovery services for Hispanic/Latino communities.

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The National Latino Behavioral Health Association (NLBHA) was established to fill a need for a unified national voice for Latino populations in the behavioral health arena and to bring attention to the great disparities that exist in areas of access, utilization, practice-based research and adequately trained personnel.

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