

## NHMA HIV Chapter Forum Speakers:



Dr. Dora A. Martinez, M.D., is the Chief Medical Officer of the Valley AIDS Council (VAC), the only AIDS Service Organization serving the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas. She provides treatment for patients living with and at risk of acquiring HIV in this unique and underserved population along the Texas-Mexico border. She advocates for patients as a member of the Texas DSHS HIV Medication Advisory Committee and Texas HIV Syndicate. She completed a fellowship in Integrative Medicine through the University of Arizona's Center for Integrative Medicine, and is a certified American Academy of HIV Medicine HIV Specialist. She is a clinical professor of Family and Community Medicine, and currently serves as the Clinical Director for VAC's South Central AETC local performance site. She is an alumna of Rice University and UTHSCSA-SOM and is a board certified Family Physician and Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. She has previously received the Pfizer Teacher Development Award from the American Academy of Family Physicians and has participated as a CLAS (Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services) standards technical advisory group member for the Office of Minority Health, and is a NHMA Leadership Fellow.



Dr. Julia Garcia-Diaz, MD is the Medical Director, Clinical Research Group at PPD, Dr. Garcia-Diaz earned her medical degree from LSU and completed her internship, residency and infectious diseases fellowship at Ochsner. She is board certified in infectious diseases and has been on staff at Ochsner since 1998. She is a Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at Tulane and until early this year, she was the Medical Director Research, Infectious Diseases and all subspecialties. She was also the Program Director of Ochsner's Infectious Diseases fellowship training program for 15 years. Dr. Garcia-Diaz is a prolific researcher who is active internationally in the field of infectious diseases, a certified CPI, and is currently overseeing clinical trials in the field of Infectious Diseases to include COVID, therapeutic and prevention interventions, HIV and transplantation. She is a fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America and the American College of Physicians. Her professional interests include infections in the immunocompromised host and prevention strategies in the field of vaccines.



Dr. Sara Hurtado Bares, MD joined the HIV/Infectious Diseases team at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in July 2013. After receiving her undergraduate degree from Amherst College, Dr. Bares obtained her MD from the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai School in New York City. She trained in Internal Medicine at the University of Chicago where she was an intern, resident, and chief resident. Following her residency, Dr. Bares stayed on at the University of Chicago to complete a fellowship in Infectious Diseases. A passionate educator, Dr. Bares co-directs the Infectious Diseases curriculum for the pre-clinical medical students and is the medical director for the Omaha site of the Nebraska/Kansas AIDS Education and Training Center. Her clinical and research interests include the complications of HIV and its therapies as well as HIV testing and prevention.