

NHMA 2025 National Latino Physician Day Statement

WASHINGTON, October 1, 2025 — Today, on National Latino Physician Day (NLPD), the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) proudly celebrates the contributions of Latino and Latina physicians who serve our communities with compassion and cultural humility. This day is not only a moment of recognition, but it is a call to action to continue strengthening and supporting the next generation of Latino physicians.

Latino physicians play a critical role in advancing health equity and ensuring that every patient receives high quality and culturally sensitive care. Yet, Latinos remain significantly underrepresented in the physician workforce, making up nearly 20% of the U.S. population but less than 7% of practicing physicians.

National Latino Physician Day highlights the urgent need to invest in pipeline programs that recruit, train and retain Latino physicians, including Title VII and VIII workforce development programs. Increasing Latino representation in medicine is essential to reducing health disparities and improving outcomes in our communities.

NHMA remains committed to its mission of empowering Latino physicians and advocating for federal and state policies that support workforce diversity. Today, we celebrate Latino excellence in medicine and all Latino physicians — past, present and future.