

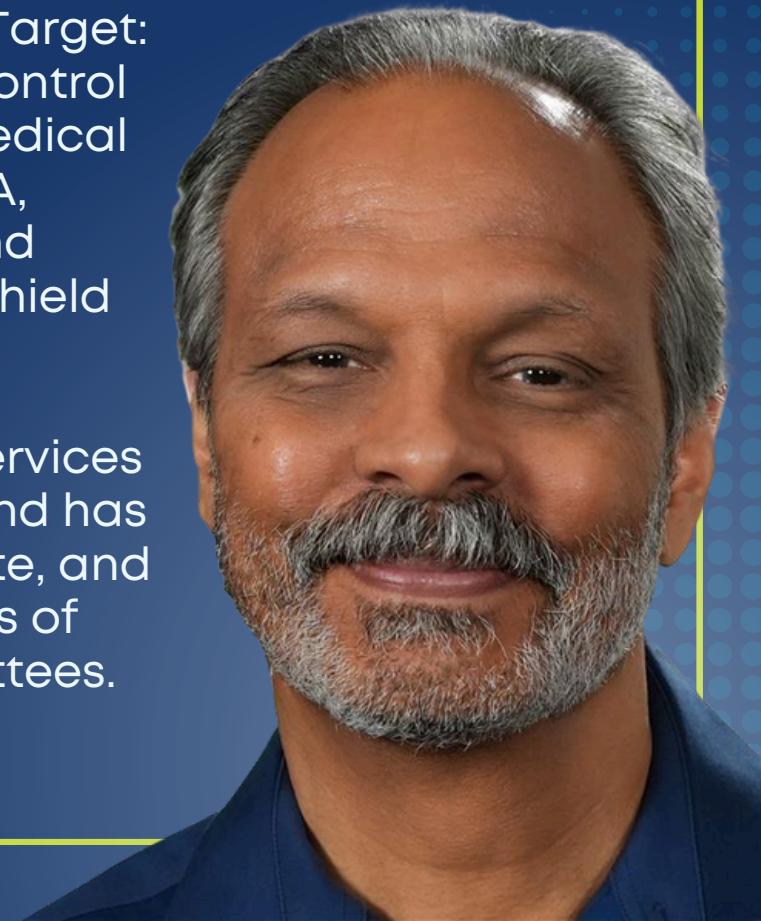


Eduardo Sanchez, MD, MPH, FAHA

Chief Medical Officer for Prevention
American Heart Association

Dr. Eduardo Sanchez serves as Chief Medical Officer (CMO) for Prevention for the American Heart Association (AHA). He served as Principal Investigator (PI) from 2020 to 2024 of the National Hypertension Control Initiative (NHCI), an agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health (OMH) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

He is the AHA clinical lead for Target: BPTM, a joint blood pressure control initiative with the American Medical Association. Before joining AHA, he served as Vice President and CMO for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas. Dr. Sanchez was Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services from 2004 to 2006. He serves and has served on numerous local, state, and national health-related boards of directors and advisory committees.





Sarah Ramírez, MD, FAAFP

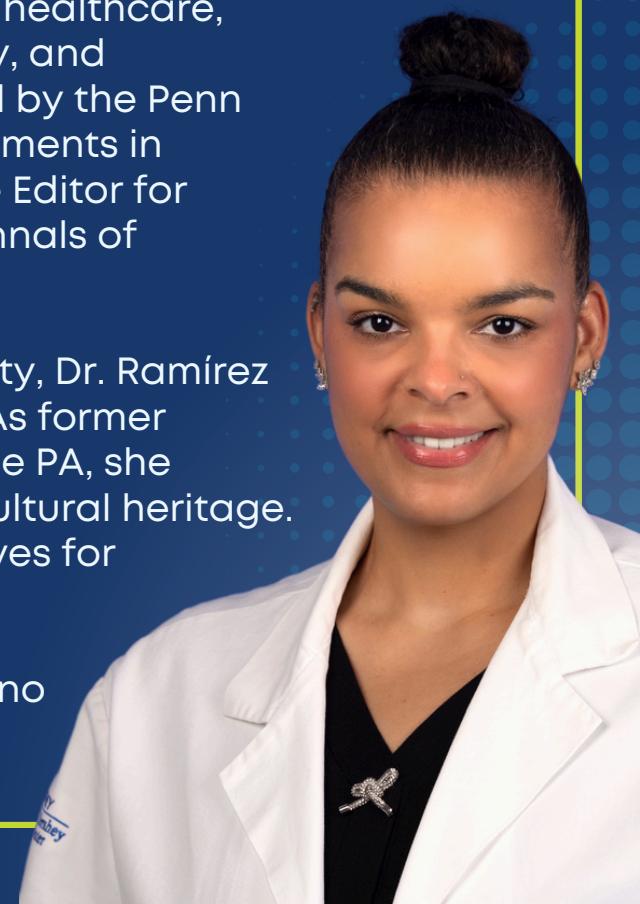
*Associate Professor of Family and Community Medicine,
Penn State College of Medicine*

*Family Medicine Physician, Penn State Health
Founder, President of the PA Chapter of the NHMA*

Dr. Ramírez is a family medicine physician at Penn State Health and founder and president of the Pennsylvania chapter of the NHMA. She earned her medical degree from Ross University School of Medicine, completed a family medicine residency at MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center, and an obstetrics fellowship at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Peoria. Her broad scope of practice includes pediatric and adult care, as well as obstetric care and deliveries.

A recognized educator, researcher, and author, Dr. Ramírez is an invited speaker on culturally responsive healthcare, social determinants of health, health equity, and reproductive justice. She has been honored by the Penn State College of Medicine's Exceptional Moments in Teaching program and serves as Associate Editor for MedEdPORTAL and peer reviewer for the Annals of Family Medicine.

A trusted advocate for the Latino community, Dr. Ramírez has led impactful public health initiatives. As former President and Director of Estamos Unidos de PA, she championed programs promoting Latino cultural heritage. She has advised cancer-prevention initiatives for Latino communities through the Penn State Cancer Institute's Hispanic/Latino Cancer Community Advisory Board and co-led Latino Connection's CATE initiative, delivering 2,000+ COVID-19 vaccinations statewide.





Laura Ramirez-Caban, MD

Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgeon
Emory University Hospital

Dr. Laura Ramirez-Caban is an Assistant Professor with a specialty in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery at Emory University Hospital.

Originally from Puerto Rico, she moved to Philadelphia where she obtained her undergraduate degree from Drexel University, and medical degree from Temple University School of Medicine. She completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Emory University in Atlanta and went on to complete a Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery at Cleveland Clinic Florida. She was in private practice in Florida for 1 year where she practiced general obstetrics and gynecology with a focus in Minimally Invasive Surgery. She has since transitioned to Academic Medicine where she continues her passions of teaching minimally invasive surgical techniques to the next generation of doctors.

A professional headshot of Dr. Laura Ramirez-Caban. She is a young woman with long brown hair, smiling warmly at the camera. She is wearing a white medical coat over a light blue button-down shirt. To her left, a portion of a yellow-bordered graphic is visible.

Her interests include medical and surgical management of endometriosis, abnormal uterine bleeding, fibroids, adenomyosis, and pelvic pain. She specializes in advanced laparoscopic, robotic, and hysteroscopic surgery.

She is an advocate for women's health through her involvement in the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and an active mentor for underrepresented minority students through NHMA and Latino Medical Student Association.



Luján Soler, MD

Programs Coordinator
FIDEC

Dr. Luján Soler, obtained her Medical Degree at the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 2001. In 2002 moved to Miami, United States to continue her career and complete the United States Medical Licensing Examination. She served as a clinical studies coordinator at the University of Miami and medical offices in the region. She specialized in Vaccinology at FIDEC-FUNCEI with Dr. Daniel Stamboulian.

In 2011 she joined the working group on Adolescents and Adult vaccines at FIDEC, a non-profit organization that develops research and educational programs in infectious disease prevention for Latin America and the United States. She is currently FIDEC's Immunization and Education Programs Coordinator aimed at the Hispanic population of South Florida. She has been a Voluntary Assistant Professor at the University of Miami since 2011 and became Voluntary Faculty in 2016.

A close-up portrait of Dr. Luján Soler, MD. She is a woman with long, dark brown hair, smiling warmly at the camera. She is wearing a small gold hoop earring. The background is a solid blue color.

She is the Executive Coordinator of the Miami-Dade Immunization Coalition since 2019. She develops strategies and leads vaccination campaigns, including working jointly with Latin American consulates in Miami and facilitating access of vaccines since 2014. She develops education and awareness tasks for Health Professionals and the Community by providing scientific information through conferences, symposia, talks, writing and publishing educational materials.



Indira Islas, MPH

Director of Policy & Advocacy
National Hispanic Medical Association

Indira Islas is a dedicated public health professional committed to advancing healthcare access for marginalized communities. Currently working at the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) as the Government Affairs and Policy Manager, she brings experience in health policy, advocacy, and research, having held roles at Bristol Myers Squibb, the U.S. Senate, and the Fitzhugh Mullan Institute for Health Workforce Equity.

Her passion for health equity is deeply personal, shaped by her family's experiences and her research on the healthcare workforce. She has published research reporting on the representation of Latinos in the healthcare workforce, highlighting gaps and opportunities to strengthen diversity in the field.

