



David E. Saucedo II, Esq.

Board Member
National Hispanic Medical Association

David E. Saucedo II, Esq., of El Paso, Texas, is a licensed attorney and president of the Saucedo Lock Company, a 4th generation family business founded in 1917. David is a graduate of the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame and a graduate of the Mitchell Hamline School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota. His community work is vast with non-profit involvement at local, state and national levels, including a runner-up finish for the Mayor of El Paso in a crowded field. In 2015, David was first appointed, and subsequently reappointed, by Governor Greg Abbott to the Texas State Board of Nursing and held various committee assignment positions including vice-president of the largest licensing board in Texas. David is married and is the father of three children, which includes a daughter who will forever be three years old. The focus of his law practice is healthcare compliance and oversight.



MarkAlain Déry, D.O., MPH, FACOI

Chief Innovation Officer and Physician
National Hispanic Medical Association

Dr. MarkAlain Déry is a board-certified infectious disease physician and public health expert who serves as the Chief Innovation Officer and Medical Director for infectious diseases at Access Health Louisiana, the state's largest Federally Qualified Health Center.

With extensive experience responding to global crises, including Ebola in Sierra Leone and Lassa fever in Guinea, Dr. Déry has also played pivotal roles in domestic emergencies such as Hurricane Katrina and the COVID-19 pandemic. A dedicated advocate for human rights and social justice, he founded 102.3FM WHIV-LP to raise awareness on these issues. He hosts NoiseFilter, a podcast and animation series providing accessible public health updates.



Audrey Escobedo-Escotto, M.D.

Vice president clinical research
Emerson Clinical Research Institute

Dr. Escobedo-Escotto holds a medical degree with a minor in Surgery from Guatemala, along with a master's degree in Public Health from the Milken Institute School of Public Health at George Washington University. With over a decade of experience in clinical research, she has focused on conducting and overseeing studies in Washington, D.C.'s metro area, aiming to improve healthcare access and outcomes. Her fluency in English, French, and Spanish has helped her build trust and foster strong relationships with the communities she serves.

Since joining ECRI in 2013, Dr. Escobedo-Escotto has been committed to increasing racial diversity in clinical trials. As Vice President of the Emerson Clinical Research Institute, she ensures that studies at ECRI benefit all communities.

Driven by her passion for addressing unmet healthcare needs, Dr. Escobedo-Escotto co-founded the Emerson Community Clinic, which provides affordable care to patients regardless of their financial income. She is also a co-host of the TV show "Tu Salud Tu Familia" on Telemundo, where she earned her fourth Emmy Award for Outstanding Health and Science Special.

Dr. Escobedo-Escotto's work has been widely recognized. She was named one of the 40 Under 40 Leaders in Minority Health by the National Minority Quality Forum, honoring her contributions to healthcare and her ongoing efforts to improve access for minority communities. In January 2024, she was honored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala for her outstanding work as a healthcare provider abroad.



Fabián Sandoval, M.D.

President & CEO
Emerson Clinical Research Institute

Dr. Sandoval received his Bachelor of Science in molecular and cellular biology from Marymount University, and his Doctorate of Medicine from the Autonomous University of Guadalajara, School of Medicine.

Before opening the doors to Emerson Clinical Research Institute (ECRI) Dr. Sandoval's research activities have included bench research at the National Institutes of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) where he focused his work on Early Onset Alzheimer's Disease, and Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease. Conducted multiple projects at the National Institutes of Health's Clinical Center conducting research in the outpatient Oncology unit, followed by his successful support of an NIH RO1 grant on preventing epilepsy in post-traumatic brain injury patients in adults and children, simultaneously run at the Washington Hospital Center, and Children's National Medical Center.

Dr. Sandoval's has conducted oversights on over 120 clinical research studies and served as the Supervisory Research Integrity & Compliance Officer in the Army Human Research Protections Office in the Office of the Army Surgeon General. Responsibilities included establishment, and oversight of Human Research Protection Programs across Army commands. His input has been instrumental in the review, development, and selection of protocols, in addition to education and training for residents and hospital faculty.

Dr. Sandoval holds the following esteemed positions in the following community areas:

- Four-time Emmy Winner; Host of a one of kind weekly medical TV show "Tu Salud Tu Familia" (Your Family Your Health).
- Medical Contributor for Telemundo, NBC, WZDC Washington D.C News, as well as Telemundo and Univision National.
- Leadership Council member, Society for Clinical Research Sites (SCRS),
- External Advisor to Genentech Roche
- Recipient of the 2023 Christine K. Pierre Site Impact Award.
- Renowned Invited Keynote speaker/presenter to multiple pharmaceutical and clinical trial organizations; on the topic of increasing minorities' engagement, diversity education and participation, in clinical trials.

Lastly, he started the Emerson Community Clinic, in order to support un-insured patients across the DC metro area, as well as starting the Emerson Diversity Health Foundation, who's mission is to educate patients and providers in the importance of participating in clinical research and accesses to care.



José Cucalón Calderón, M.D., FAAP

General pediatrician, Renown Children's Hospital; associate professor of pediatrics, University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine; immediate past chair, NHMA Nevada Chapter

Dr. José Cucalón Calderón FAAP is a General Pediatrician for Renown Childrens Hospital and Associate Professor of Pediatrics for the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine. Dr. Cucalon Calderon is a native Spanish Speaker from Guayaqui, Ecuador, who did his Pediatric Training at the University of South Alabama. Very active in our community since moving to Reno in 2017 when he became Faculty for UNR Med sited at Renown Childrens. He is involved in teaching our future doctors and forming pediatricians at the new Pediatric Residency program at UNR Med as their Advocacy rotation director and as the Renown Childrens Hospital Director of Advocacy and Outreach with a scope of work that goes from the local to the international.. Dr. Cucalón Calderón's main areas of interest being access to preventive health services, nicotine addiction prevention and treatment, Second and third hand smoke exposure prevention, evidence based outreach, cultural humility in training and practice, mental health destigmatization, culturally sensitive care /communication and positive health impact through policy change.

Dr. Cucalón Calderón founded and is the immediate past Chair of the Nevada Chapter of the National Hispanic Medical Association, serves as one of their Vaccinate for all Spokesperson and serves in the Nevada Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics as their Vaccination representative, smoke free Champion and Secretary treasurer and as a national spokesperson for the American Academy of Pediatrics.