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12th Annual Conference

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HEALTHCARE REFORM & HEALTH DISPARITIES A PRIORITY FOR HISPANIC COMMUNITIES

Join Hispanic physicians, medical students, nurses, policymakers, and healthcare industry representatives at our annual conference. This year, NHMA celebrates its 12th Conference with partners from the Federal and State governments and the private sector. The conference brings together experts from across the nation to share their experience in eliminating health disparities for Hispanics. CME and CNE accreditation will be provided.

Hispanics have become the largest ethnic group in the United States and there is a great need to understand how to deliver culturally relevant health care services to them. Learn from experts on how to enhance academic programs, community-based research, medical practices, and health policies targeting Hispanics.

Conference Educational Objectives

- Share and highlight healthcare innovations that can serve as models for influencing *healthcare reform* in the United States.
- Disseminate researched based clinical programs, ideas and policy strategies that show promise of eliminating *health disparities*.
- Adopt new treatment modalities and strategies to educate Hispanic patients with diabetes, cancer, HIV/AIDs, obesity, cardiovascular disease, strokes and hypertension, asthma, Alzheimer's disease, depression and renal disease in order to decrease morbidity and mortality in their medical practices or in their organization.
- Analyze *cultural competence*, literacy, and language services programs.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 17

- 9:00 – 1:00 PM** **NHMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (CLOSED)**
- 1:00 – 5:00 PM** **CAPITOL HILL VISITS**
- 3:00 – 5:00 PM** **REGISTRATION**
- 3:00 – 4:30 PM** **NHMA FELLOWS MEETING**
- 5:30 – 7:30 PM** **OPENING RECEPTION TO HONOR NHMA LEADERSHIP FELLOWS ALUMNI -**
supported by PhRMA
at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian

Flavio Cumpiano, Executive Director, Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration (PRFAA), Washington, DC

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Marieli E. Colón-Padilla, Director, Hispanic Outreach, PhRMA, Washington, DC

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FRIDAY, APRIL 18

- 7:00 -7:45 AM** **EMBASSY ROW WELLNESS WALK**
Supported by Boehringer-Ingelheim & American Diabetes Association
- 7:30 – 5:00 PM** **REGISTRATION**
- 7:30 - 8:45 AM** **BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM – HISPANIC CULTURE AND TREATMENT OPTIONS IN**
HYPERTENSION AND STROKE
Moderator: Yolanda Partida, MSW, DPA
Carlos Herrera, MD, MPH, Medical Director, Heights Doctor’s Clinic, Houston, TX
- 9:00-10:00 am** **OPENING PLENARY:**
Ciro Sumaya, MD, MPHTM, Chairman of the Board of Directors, NHMA, Dean, School of Rural Public Health, Texas A&M Health Science Ctr., College Station, TX
Elena Rios, MD, MSPH, President & CEO, NHMA, Washington, DC
- PLENARY 1: FEDERAL LEADERSHIP & HISPANICS**
Josefina Carbonell, Assistant Secretary, Administration on Aging, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC
Carolyn Clancy, MD, Director, Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality (AHRQ), U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Rockville, MD
Kerry Weems, MBA, Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Baltimore, MD
- 10:00-12:00 PM** **PLENARY: RECOGNITION AND MANAGEMENT OF DEPRESSION AND CO-**
MORBIDITIES IN THE HISPANIC POPULATION
Moderator: Congresswoman Grace Napolitano (CA-38th) U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC (*invited*)

Pedro Delgado, MD, Professor and Chairman, Department of Psychiatry, Dielmann Distinguish Chair in Psychiatry, Associate Dean for Faculty Development, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas

Julio Licinio, MD, Professor and Chairman, Department of Psychiatry, University of Miami, Miami, Florida

Andres J. Pumariaga, M.D., Chair, Department of Psychiatry, The Reading Hospital and Medical Center, Professor of Psychiatry, Temple University School of Medicine

12:00-1:30 PM

LUNCH: RECOGNIZING AND TREATING DEMENTIA IN THE HISPANIC PATIENT

Moderator: Patrick A. Griffith, MD, FAAN, Professor and Chair, Department of Neurology; Program Director, CRC, Meharry Medical College, Nashville, TN

Jose A. Luchsinger, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Taub Institute for Research on Alzheimer's Disease and the Aging Brain, Columbia University Medical Center, New York, NY

Oscar L. Lopez, MD, Profesor of Neurology, Department of Neurology, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Jacobo E. Mintzer, MD, Professor of Psychiatry & Neurology, Director of Geriatric Psychiatry & Fellowship Programs & Co-Director, Alzheimer's & Clinical Programs, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

1:30-2:00 PM

BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL

2:00-3:15 PM

HEALTH REFORM AND HEALTH DISPARITIES PRESIDENTIAL FORUM

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES/HEALTH CARE ADVISORS

Moderator: Elena Rios, MD, MSPH, President & CEO, National Hispanic Medical Association

Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Senior Policy Advisor, John McCain 2008

Chris Jennings, Senior Policy Advisor, Hillary Clinton for President Campaign

M. Gregg Bloche, M.D., J.D., Professor of Law, Georgetown University, and Health Policy Advisor, Obama for America

Response Panel:

Gerald Hill, MD, President-Elect, Association of American Indian Physicians

Nelson Adams, MD, President, National Medical Association

Nancy Nielsen, MD, President-elect, American Medical Association

David Tayloe, M.D. President-elect, American Academy of Pediatrics

Sarita Arteaga, DMD, MAGD, President, Hispanic Dental Association

Carmen C. Ramirez, PhD, RN, President, Washington DC Chapter, National Association of Hispanic Nurses

3:15-4:15 PM

WORKSHOPS A

A.1

POLICY: Medicaid/SCHIP Update

Moderator: Judy Waxman, Vice President, National Women's Law Center, Washington, DC

Janette Lopez, Deputy Director, Eligibility, Enrollment & Marketing Division, Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board, Sacramento, CA

Dennis Smith, Director, Centers for Medicaid and State Operations

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Baltimore, MD

A.2

HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION: Future Direction

Maria Elena Pina Fonti, Adj. Prof, Molloy College, Rockville Ctr., NY

Matthew O'Brien, MD, Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

A.3

CLINICAL: Diabetes and Complications

Moderator: Jaime Torres, DPM, MS, Coler Memorial Hospital, Roosevelt Island, NY

Constance Sixta, RN, UTHSC Houston School of Nursing, Pearland, TX
W. Lee Ball, OD, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, National Diabetes Education Program

A.4 PRACTICE ISSUES: Physician Identifiers & Practice Trends

Nilsa Gutierrez, MD, MPH Medical Director, CMS Region II, New York, NY
Rita Carreon, Senior Manager, America's Health Insurance Plans, Washington, DC

A.5 RESEARCH: Clinical Trials and Hispanics

Owen Garrick, MD, MBA, COO, HOV Clinical Research, Oakland, CA
Greg Talavera, MD, MPH, California State University, San Diego, CA
Larissa Avilés-Santa, MD, MPH, FACP, FACE, Division of Prevention and Population Sciences
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD

4:15 – 4:45 PM BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL

4:45 - 5:45 PM WORKSHOP B

B.1 POLICY: Hispanic Leadership in Health Care

Moderator: Diana Ramos, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor, USC Medical School, Los Angeles, CA

Frank Siguenza, DO, Medical Director, Lutheran Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY
Julia Arbin Carbonell, President & CEO, Ohio Hispanic Coalition, Columbus, OH

B.2 HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION: Graduate Medical Education for Hispanic Patients

Jean Marie Riquelme, Clinical Asst. Professor, Family Medicine, University of Wisconsin, Green Bay, WI

Scott Krugman, Chairman, Dept of Pediatrics, Franklin Square Hospital, Baltimore, MD

B.3 CLINICAL: Children's Health

Benjamin Ortiz, MD, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Columbia Medical Ctr., New York, NY
Nsedu Obot Witherspoon, Executive Director, Children's Environmental Health Network, Washington DC

Donna Mendez, MD, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics/Emergency Medicine, Baylor, Houston, TX

Shelia L. Broyles PhD, MPH, Project Scientist and Lecturer, University of California San Diego, La Jolla, CA

B.4 PRACTICE ISSUES: New Models for Successful Practices

Laura Williams, MD, Family Practice, San Diego, CA

Hector J. Castro, MD, Director, Beth Israel Latino Health Institute, New York, NY

B.5 RESEARCH: Health Policy Research

Debra Joy Perez, PhD, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Princeton, NJ

Diego Chaves-Gnecco, MD, MPH, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

María Sofía Lioce-Mata, MD, Assistant Coordinador, NIOSH, Global Collaborations Program, CDC/NIOSH-OD, Atlanta, GA

6:00-8:00 PM RECEPTION AND ACTIVITIES IN EXHIBIT HALL

Book Signing;

Lorena Drago, MS, RD, CDN, CDE, Hispanic/Latino Educator Specialist,
Author of "Beyond Rice and Beans: The Caribbean Latino Guide to Eating
Healthy with Diabetes"

Celebrities: DC United;

Movie Screening: Salud

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

7:30 AM **BREAKFAST IN EXHIBIT HALL**

7:30 AM – 5:00 PM **REGISTRATION**

7:45 - 9:15 AM **Breakfast Symposium: DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT AMONG LATINOS: INSULIN THERAPY GUIDED BY GLUCOSE MONITORING—BARRIERS AND OPPORTUNITIES** *supported by NovoNordisk & Abbott*

Moderator: Flavia Mercado, MD, Medical Director, Department of Multicultural Affairs, and the International Medical Center, Grady Health System, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA

America Bracho, MPH, CDE, Executive Director, Latino Health Access, Santa Ana, California

Pablo F. Mora, MD, FACE, CDE, Associate Professor, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism, Department of Internal Medicine, Dallas, TX

Rodolfo Alamia, MD, President, Sweet Vida Medical Center

9:30 -11:00 AM **PLENARY: CANCER AND HISPANICS**

Elmer E. Huerta, MD, MPH, American Cancer Society, Atlanta, GA

Amelie Ramirez, PhD, Director, Redes en Accion, University of Texas Health Science Ctr. SA, San Antonio, TX

11:00 -11:45 AM **PLENARY: PRIVATE SECTOR LEADERSHIP FOR HEALTHCARE REFORM**

Ray Morales, MD, MBA, Regional Vice President, Anthem National Accounts, Atlanta, GA

Joel R. Bender, Ph.D., M.D., Corporate Medical Director, HCI/Health Services GMNA Labor Relations

Mike Stoll, VP Corporate Benefits, Kroger Co.

11:45-12:30 PM **BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL**

12:30 - 2:00 PM **LUNCH PLENARY**

Gail Christopher, PhD, Vice President, Kellogg Foundation, Battle Creek, MI

2:10 - 3:30 PM **WORKSHOPS C**

C.1 **POLICY: Medicare Update**

Susan Brittan, Q Source, Memphis, TN

Dep. Matthew Brown, Deputy Director of the Physicians Regulatory Issues Team, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Washington, DC

Ashish K. Jha, Assistant Professor, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA

C.2 **HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION: Cultural Competence Faculty Training**

Nereida Correa, MD, MPH, Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY

Christian Arbelaez, MD, MPH, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

Vamsi Vasireddy, MD, MPH, Univ. of Illinois, Chicago, IL

C.3 **CLINICAL: HIV/ AIDS in the Hispanic Community**

Hugo Delgado, Program Director for HIV Testing, Education, and Prevention Department, Whitman Walker Clinic of Northern Virginia, Arlington, VA

C.4 **PRACTICE ISSUES: Language Services and Tools**

Moderator: Guadalupe Pacheco, MSW, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Minority Health, US DHHS, Rockville, MD

Yolanda Partida, MSW, DPA, Director, Hablamos Juntos, Fresno, CA

Marsha Regenstein, PhD, MCP, Associate Research Professor, GW University Medical Center, Washington, DC

Gayle Tang, MSN, RN, Director, National Linguistic & Cultural Programs, Kaiser Permanente National Diversity, Oakland, CA
(also Maria R. Carrasco, MD, Lead Physician for Culturally Responsive Care, Department of Family Medicine, Kaiser Permanente Southern California Region, Montebello, CA)

C.5

RESEARCH: Obesity and Hispanics

Nazrat Mirza, Associate Professor of Pediatric, Children's National Medical Ctr., Washington, DC

Josefina F. Garza, Executive Director, National Latino Children's Institute, San Antonio, TX

Adelita G. Cantu, PhD, RN, Clinical Instructor, UTHSC, San Antonio, TX

3:30 – 4:00 PM

BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL/RAFFLE

4:00 - 5:30 PM

WORKSHOP D

D.1

POLICY: Health Disparities and Hispanic Health

Moderator: Sonia Mora, manager, Latino Health Initiative, Silver Spring, MD

Amy Wilson-Stronks, Joint Commission, Oakbrook, IL

Natalie D. Hernandez, NCLR, Georgia Latino Health Policy Agenda, Atlanta, GA

Ivette Becerra-Ortiz, MD, Fair Haven Community Health Ctr., New Haven, CT

D.2

HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION: Curriculum to Improve Hispanic Health

Javier F. Sevilla-Mártir, Indiana University, School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN

Jose Rodriguez, MD, Florida State Univ. College of Medicine, Tallahassee, FL

D.3

CLINICAL: Women's Health

Moderator: Maria Gomez, RN, MPH, Executive Director, Mary's Center, Washington, DC

Kimberly Thomas, MPH, Public Health Educator, FDA, Office of Women's Health, Washington, DC

Lisa R. Norman, Behavioral Scientist, Ponce School of Medicine, Ponce, PR

Frances E. Ashe-Goins, RN, MPH, Deputy Director, U.S. DHHS Office on Women's Health, Washington, DC

D.4

PRACTICE ISSUES: Online Resources for Your Practice

Moderator: Fausto Meza, MD, NHMA Online Resources, Washington, DC

Marshall Stanton, MD, Vice President, Remote Disease Management, Medtronic, Minneapolis, MN

Lisa M. Boyd, Health Librarian, National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, MD

Norma J. Goodwin, MD, President & CEO, Health Power for Minorities, New York, NY

Miryam C. Granthon, MPH, Public Health Analyst, Office of Minority Health, Division of Data and Policy, DHHS, Rockville, MD

D.5

RESEARCH: Chronic Disease Research

Diana Echeverry, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, Drew Medical School, Los Angeles, CA

Rita Singhal, MD, MPH, Medical Director, LAC Dept. Public Health, Office of Women's Health, Los Angeles, CA

Lois Greene, RNC, MBA, Administrative Director, St. Michaels Medical Center, Newark, NJ

6:30 - 7:30 PM

RECEPTION AND MARIACHI LOS AMIGOS

7:30 PM

AWARDS DINNER

Keynote Speaker: Linda Griego, President, Griego Enterprises, Inc., Los Angeles, CA

HISPANIC LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Garth Graham, MD, MPH

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health
US Department of Health & Human Services

Bethesda, MD

Eduardo Sanchez, MD, MPH

Director, Institute for Health Policy
The University of Texas School of Public Health

Ivelisse Estrada

Vice President, Corporate & Community Relations
UNIVISION
Los Angeles, CA

NHMA Fellows' Award

Presidents, Medical Societies & Hispanic Health Professional Organizations

9:00 – 12:00 AM

DANCE TO THE MUSIC OF ORQUESTRA ASHE & DC CASINERO DANCE GROUP

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

8:00 AM

BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM: CURANDERISMO, LATIN AMERICA FOLK MEDICINE

John (Jack) Killen, MD, Acting Director, National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Office of Policy, Planning, and Evaluation, National Institutes of Health, US DHHS, Bethesda, MD

Elena Avila, RN, MSN, Curandera, El Paso, NM

9:30 – 11:00 AM

DEVELOPING THE NHMA CHILDHOOD OBESITY PREVENTION CAMPAIGN

Rear Admiral Steven K. Galson, M.D., M.P.H., Acting Surgeon General, U.S. DHHS, Rockville, MD (*invited*)

Rain Henderson, Alliance for Healthier Generations, William J. Clinton Foundation and American Heart Association, New York, NY

Karen A. Donato, SM, RD, Coordinator, Obesity Education Initiative, *WeCAN!* Initiative, NIH, Bethesda, MD

Michelle Reyes, PhD, Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, Atlanta, GA

John Govea, Senior Program Officer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Princeton, NJ

SPECIAL MEETINGS

THURSDAY, Apr. 17

8:00 PM

FIRST ANNUAL NHMA MEDICAL STUDENT INTEREST GROUP MEETING

FRIDAY, Apr. 18

3:30PM-5:00PM

NATIONAL NETWORK OF LATIN AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT BUSINESS MEETINGS

5:45PM -6:45 PM

WOMEN IN MEDICINE AWARDS RECEPTION

7:30 PM

NATIONAL HISPANIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS LEADERSHIP NETWORK MEETING

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

2:00-6:00 PM

HISPANIC STUDENT MEDICAL SCHOOL RECRUITMENT FAIR

Juan Amador, Senior Staff Associate, Division of Diversity Policy & Programs, AAMC
Norma Poll, PhD, Director, Summer Medical and Dental Education Program, AAMC
Hilda Luiggi, MS, Assistant Director, Minority Affairs, University of Pennsylvania
School of Medicine
Nilda Soto, MEd, Assistant Dean, Office of Minority Affairs, Albert Einstein College
of Medicine
Luz Ortiz, Assistant Dean, Diversity & Minority Affairs, Jefferson Medical
College

3:00-5:00 pm
5:30- 6:30 PM
3:30-5:30PM

NHMA COUNCIL OF MEDICAL SOCIETIES MEETING
HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL ALUMNI RECEPTION
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ELECTIONS**

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