

# Amelie Ramirez– tuvuga Healthcare Group (THCG) Advisory Board Member

Amelie G. Ramirez, DrPH, an internationally recognized cancer and chronic disease health disparities and communications researcher, is a professor of epidemiology and biostatistics at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, where she also is founding director of the Institute for Health Promotion Research, which researches health disparities.

Over the past 30 years, Dr. Ramirez has directed many research programs focused on human and organizational communication to reduce chronic disease and cancer health disparities affecting Latinos, including cancer risk factors and genetics, clinical trial accrual, tobacco prevention and cessation, obesity prevention, and more.

Dr. Ramirez directs two national research networks, one funded by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to target Latino cancer through research, training, and education (*Redes En Acción*, [www.redesenaccion.org](http://www.redesenaccion.org)), and one funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) to target Latino childhood obesity through evidence-based research, field-building, and community engagement and empowerment for healthy change.



Dr. Ramirez has been recognized for her work in public health and disparities research, communications, and training across the U.S., including: 2014 Making a Difference Award from Latinas Contra Cancer; 2012 First Lady of the Intercultural Cancer Council at Baylor College of Medicine; 2011 White House “Champion of Change”; 2009 Health Care Hero from the *San Antonio Business Journal*; 2007 election to the Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academies; 2007 Professor of Survivorship from Susan G. Komen For the Cure; and the 2003 Humanitarian Award from the American Cancer Society.