



Program Updates

NIH All of Us Research Program

The *All of Us* Research Program is a momentous effort funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to advance individualized prevention, treatment, and care for people of all backgrounds. The program's aim is to enroll 1 million or more volunteers and receive samples from communities who have been underrepresented in research, making the program the largest and most diverse resource of its kind. Read more about the program, [here](#).

NHMA is looking for providers to share information and promotions materials in their practice or waiting rooms about the *All of Us* Research Program. This information will discuss what the program is and why it is important to participate in this momentous undertaking. If you are interested in receiving information to share with your patients, please sign up [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Ben Melano at: bmelano@nhmamd.org.

NHMA Chapters

In July, the NHMA Board of Directors announced the formation of the NHMA Chapters in cities within our regions. The purpose of this structure is to build participation opportunities with NHMA Members and Partners, and to provide physicians, health care providers, and community leaders with updated information about policies and programs that affect local Hispanic healthcare and health equity.

Here is a complete list of the twelve inaugural NHMA Chapters and their chairs:

NHMA MIDWEST REGION

NHMA Chicago Chapter

NHMA Chicago Chapter Chairwoman

Pilar Guerrero, MD

Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine

Rush Medical College

NHMA Indianapolis Chapter

NHMA Indianapolis Chapter Chairman

Javier Sevilla-Martir, MD

University of Indiana School of Medicine Family Medicine Department

NHMA NORTHEAST REGION

NHMA New York City Chapter

NHMA New York City Chapter Chairwoman

Diana Torres-Burgos, MD

NHMA Greater Boston Area Chapter

NHMA Greater Boston Area Chapter Chairman

Enrique Caballero, MD

Faculty Director

International Innovation Programs

Office for External Education

Harvard Medical School

NHMA Philadelphia Chapter

NHMA Philadelphia Chapter Chairwoman

Ana Maria Lopez, MD

NHMA SOUTHEAST REGION

NHMA Atlanta Chapter

NHMA Atlanta Chapter Chairperson – Vacant

Past Chairwoman: Flavia Mercado, MD

NHMA Miami Chapter

NHMA Miami Chapter Co-Chairwomen

Onelia Lage, MD

Associate Professor, FIU

Claudia Alvarez, MD

Family Practitioner

NHMA SOUTHWEST REGION

NHMA Albuquerque Chapter

NHMA Albuquerque Chapter Co-Chairmen

Anthony Vigil, MD

Family Physician, Past President of NMHPA

Steve Lucero

Executive Director

New Mexico Hispanic Physicians Association

NHMA Greater El Paso Area Chapter

NHMA Greater El Paso Area Chapter Co-Chairmen

Carlos Corral, MD

Cardiothoracic Surgeon

Bert Johansson, MD

Pediatrician

Children's Hospital

NHMA Gulf Coast Chapter

NHMA Gulf Coast Chapter Chairman

Leonardo Seoane, MD, FACP

Senior Vice President and Chief Academic Officer, Ochsner Health System

Associate Vice-Chancellor of Academics, LSU Health Shreveport

Sharon Coslett

NHMA Rio Grande Valley Chapter

NHMA Rio Grande Valley Chapter Chairman

Francisco Fernandez, MD

Director, Population Health and Community Engagement, Institute of Neurosciences and

Professor of Psychiatry, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine, Edinburg, TX

NHMA San Antonio Chapter

NHMA San Antonio Chapter Chairperson

Jaime Estrada, MD

Executive Director

Texas Doctors for Social Responsibility

Rudy Morales Urby, MD

President, Texas Doctors for Social Responsibility

NHMA WASHINGTON, DC METRO REGION

NHMA Washington, DC Metro Chapter

NHMA Washington, DC Metro Chapter Co-Chairpersons

Sergio Rimola, MD

OBGyn at Inova Medical Center, VA

Jorge Ramallo, MD

OBGyn, Fairfax, VA

NHMA Baltimore Chapter

Crystal Salcido, MD

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow

Leiber Institute for Brain Development

Johns Hopkins

Keila Muniz, MD

Fellow

Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery

Johns Hopkins

NHMA WEST REGION

NHMA Southern California Chapter

NHMA Southern California Chapter Co-Chairpersons

Margarita Loeza, MD

Chief Information Officer

Alliance in Mentorship

Ilan Shapiro

Director of Wellness

Alta Med Health Services, Inc.

NHMA Northern California Chapter

Jessica Nunez de Ybarra, MD, MPH

State Dept of Public Health

Sacramento, CA

NHMA Central California Chapter

Katherine Flores, MD

NHMA Phoenix Chapter

NHMA Phoenix Chapter Chairman

Ricardo Correa, MD

Assistant Professor, Endocrinology

Brown University

Each chapter is led by chairpersons who are responsible for the following:

- Coordinate and promote at least two chapter events (NHMA Chapter Policy Forum in the Fall and an informal networking event)
- Promote the [NHMA Annual Conference](#) and encourage participation, speakers, posters, etc.
- Encourage members to join NHMA as Premier Members
- Identify partners for NHMA's programs and events

Each chapter also has an NHMA Chapter Policy Forum Steering Committee. The main responsibility of serving on the Steering Committee is to promote the event to your colleagues in order to reach more individuals interested in joining our network. If you are interested in participating, contact Briah Stokes, bstokes@nhmamd.org.

NHMA Medical School Liaison Program

The NHMA Medical School Liaison Program started in January 2019 to appoint one physician or resident Liaison to meet with the Latino Medical Student Association Chapter informally three times a year for 3 years. These discussions are meant to give current medical students a perspective of practicing medicine within the Latino communities where the medical school is situated. The program's aim is to complement what the medical students are currently learning, such as the day-to-day life of a doctor and various physician opportunities within the medical school and the Latino community. To sign up to be an NHMA Liaison, please go to: <https://www.nhmamd.org/programs/nhma-medical-liason-program/>.

If you have any questions, please contact Ben Melano at bmelano@nhmamd.org.

Partnering and Communicating Together (PACT)

Let's Stop HIV Together

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and NHMA, along with other national organizations representing the populations hardest hit by HIV/AIDS, are partners in the PACT program. Through a collaborative approach, PACT

Members assist in achieving the goals of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy for the United States (NHAS) by reducing new HIV infections, improving health outcomes for individuals living with HIV, and reducing HIV related disparities. PACT Members utilize their distinct viewpoints in creating a wide range of communication, mobilization and outreach activities.



The *Let's Stop HIV Together* campaign (formerly known as *Act Against AIDS*) includes [resources](#) and [partnerships](#) aimed at stopping [HIV stigma](#) and promoting [HIV testing](#), [prevention](#), and [treatment](#). *Let's Stop HIV Together* empowers communities, partners on the ground, and health care providers to reduce stigma among all Americans, prevent HIV among the hardest-hit populations, and help people with HIV stay healthy.

Let's Stop HIV Together Fact of the Month

Each type of #HIV test has a “window period” that varies from person to person and depends on the type of test. Talk to your provider to determine the best test for you.

Announcements

NHMA is seeking healthcare providers that treat Hispanic/Latinx patients with HIV/AIDS to create a short (1-2 min) video on the importance of HIV prevention/treatment and how you treat your minority patients living with HIV. If you are interested, please sign up here:

<http://bit.ly/NHMAHIVVideoSeries>

Visit our website for more information: <https://www.nhmamd.org/programs/hiv-pact-program/>.

NHMA Seasonal Influenza Campaign

NHMA campaign, *Decrease the Impact of Seasonal Influenza on Hispanics!* purpose is to increase influenza vaccination rates among Hispanic adult patients with diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Our plan is to educate physicians with a Bilingual Toolkit created by an Advisory Committee that includes reminders and targeted information to include the influenza vaccinations to patients with diabetes and cardiovascular disease, who trust their regular physician. The Flu Campaign Toolkit is available on our website here: <https://www.nhmamd.org/nhma-influenza-campaign/>. Stay tuned for updates on our campaign on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

Below are the NHMA members that serve on our National Advisory Committee for our campaign.

Diana Torres Burgos, MD, MPH – New York, NY
Katherine Flores, MD – Fresno, CA
Pilar Guerrero, MD – Chicago, IL
Pilar Ortega, MD – Chicago, IL
Diana Peña Gonzales, MPH, CHES – La Habra, CA

Flu Fact of the Month

Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine every season. <http://bit.ly/NHMAFlu2020>

Announcement

NHMA is seeking physicians and healthcare providers that treat Hispanic/Latinx patients to create a short (1-2 minute) video on the importance of getting the seasonal influenza vaccine. If interested, sign up: <http://bit.ly/NHMAFluVideoSeries>.

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Briah Stokes, bstokes@nhmamd.org.

NHMA College Health Scholars Program

CALL FOR MENTORS

The NHMA College Health Scholars Program (CHSP) is looking for medical, dental, nursing, public health, PhD, and MD/PhD health professional students and health professionals to mentor the next generation! This is a one-on-one virtual mentorship program where you will be paired with a current pre-health college student. To apply, please go to <https://forms.gle/ZcWNmdn8bBjTCqgW8>. For more information on CHSP, go to <http://bit.ly/NHMACHSP>.

Stop Vaping Campaign

The National Hispanic Health Foundation (NHHF) conducted its first Stop Vaping Campaign focus group meeting in March 2020. For more information on how to get involved, contact Ruth Rivera at rrivera@nhmamd.org.

NHMA COVID-19 Resources

Check out important information on COVID-19 at: <http://www.nhmamd.org/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-update-and-nhma-call-to-action/>, and information on the [Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#), signed into law on March 18.

Health Literacy Program

As a benefit to our Premier Members, we are looking for advisory committee members for our new Health Literacy campaign. Please reach out to Ruth Rivera to sign up: rrivera@nhmamd.org.