



National Hispanic Medical Association

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rrivera@nhmamd.org).