



1st Annual National Conference

**National Network of Latin American Medical
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**WELCOME TO THE>NNLAMS
1ST ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to our 1st Annual National Conference. We at the National Network of Latin American Medical Students (NNLAMS) have brought together some of the brightest medical students from across the country to meet and share resources.

The Need

According to Census data, the Latino/Hispanic population is the largest U.S. minority population and is projected to compose 25% of the U.S. population by the year 2050, when there will be **no** ethnic majority. These are patient populations that we are all facing, with increasing numbers of Hispanic/Latino patients and Spanish-only-speaking patients.

Increasing Significance to Medicine

The government responded to these demographic changes on August 11th, 2000 with Executive Order 13166 that mandated, under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the delivery of culturally and linguistically appropriate healthcare. Under Secretary Tommy Thompson, the Department of Health and Human Services has provided compliance guidelines for healthcare systems to prepare its institutions and physicians to provide the standard of care to this emerging patient group. The AAMC has begun the development of curricula for medical schools to train future physicians in these vital clinical skills. Furthermore, Senators Frist and Kennedy have as recently as March 2004 articulated a bipartisan, national agenda to eliminate these disparities. In fact, Duke University School of Medicine has been involved with the Sullivan commission on diversity, publishing the recommendations of the commission, advocating their implementation and has developed pilot programs at the medical school in medical Spanish and cultural competency. Support for this seminar is the latest effort Duke University has put forth in meeting the challenge of greater diversity and cultural and linguistic competency in the American health care system.

The Next Step

Building on this firm foundation and taking the focus on these important issues to the next level of development and inquiry, this conference will provide the opportunity for participants to meet with national student leaders and with national experts in the field as we develop this year's initiatives. I look forward to learning from all of you as we undertake this process.

Sincerely,
Philip DeChavez, M.D., M.P.H.
Executive Director
National Network of Latin American Medical Students

March 23, 2006

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 1st Annual National Conference of the National Network of Latin American Medical Students in conjunction with the 10th annual conference of the National Hispanic Medical Association, "SOMOS UNIDOS: United to Eliminate Health Disparities for Hispanics." At this conference, we are proud to present to you workshops that are specifically geared to Latino medical students from across the United States. To kick off our conference, Dr. Joxel Garcia, Deputy-Director of the Pan American Health Organization, gives our keynote speech. In the following workshops, we focus on aspects that affect all medical students including USMLE Step 1 and 2 preparations as well as the process for applying to residency. Moreover, we have workshops that are directed to addressing the needs of the growing Latino patient population. Lastly, we are showcasing the community outreach/service efforts of individual chapters across the country.

We appreciate the wonderful support from all of our partners – NHMA, the California Endowment, Duke University, FedEx-Kinko's, and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

We look forward to working with you in the future. Enjoy the conference.

Sincerely,

Anthony Oliva
National Coordinator

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PROGRAM

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2006

7:30 A.M. REGISTRATION

Marriott Foyer

11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. LUNCH in EXHIBIT HALL WITH HISPANIC RESEARCH POSTER SESSION

Exhibit Hall B

1:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M. PLENARY SESSION 1:

Marriott Ballroom

“Progress to Eliminate Health Disparities for the Nation”

3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. WORKSHOP SESSION A

A.6 NNLAMS: Keynote Speaker

Carolina North & South

4:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. WORKSHOP SESSIONS B

B.6 NNLAMS: Tips and Advice for USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 Preparation

Hoover

B.7 NNLAMS: Policy and Politics in the Health of Latinos

Carolina A & B

6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. RECEPTION – supported by PhRMA

Exhibit Hall B

7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. DINNER

Marriott Ballroom

“A Call To Action: Educating Congress to Increase Hispanics in the Health Workforce”

8:30 P.M.- 10:00 P.M. NNLAMS Meeting

Coolidge

10:30 P.M.- Havana Village in Adams Morgan neighborhood

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2006

12:30 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. LUNCH

Marriott Ballroom **“National and State Leadership and the Hispanic Health Agenda”**

2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. WORKSHOP SESSIONS C

C.7 NNLAMS: Opportunities to Improve Latino Health Through Academic Careers

Hoover

C.8 NNLAMS: Needs and Leadership Opportunities to increase Latino Representation

Carolina North & South in the Medical Profession (both C7 and C8 are closed)

4:00 P.M. – 4:45 P.M. WORKSHOP SESSIONS D

D.6 NNLAMS: Tips and Advice for the Residency Application Process

Carolina A & B

4:00 P.M. – 4:45 P.M.

D.7 NNLAMS: Community Service/Outreach Poster Session (Cash Bar)

Carolina A & B

5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. NNLAMS Elections

Wilson A & B Theatre

**7:30 P.M. – 9:30 P.M. HISPANIC LEADERSHIP AWARDS BANQUET – supported by
Pfizer Inc**

Marriott Ballroom

9:30 P.M. – 12:00 A.M Salsa Dance

Marriott Ballroom Music by The New Swing from New York City

11:00 P.M. – Love nightclub

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A.6>NNLAMS: Keynote Speaker for 1st Annual Conference



Dr. Joxel Garcia
Deputy-Director of the Pan American Health Organization

Born in Arecibo, Puerto Rico, Dr. Joxel Garcia lived in the town of Hatillo. He moved to Connecticut in 1988 and is married, with two children. Dr. Garcia holds a medical degree from the Ponce School of Medicine in Ponce, Puerto Rico, and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Hartford, Connecticut. He completed his medical residency at Mount Sinai Hospital in Hartford, where he specialized in obstetrics and gynecology. Garcia was appointed health commissioner of Connecticut in 1999. Achievements during his tenure include his work with bioterrorism preparedness and the creation of an "urban health initiative" that deals with many agencies in the community to prevent disease, increase health literacy, and improve economic conditions. He also launched campaigns focusing on senior citizens, women, asthma, diabetes and hypertension. Currently, Dr. Garcia serves as Deputy-Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), which was founded 100 years ago and is the world's oldest ongoing international public health agency. PAHO also serves as the regional office of the World Health Organization.

B.6>NNLAMS: Tips and Advice for USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 Preparation

Hear from fellow MSIII's and MSIV's on strategies for both Step 1 and 2 of the USMLE board exams. Whether you are a great/average/mediocre medical student, learn what worked for others to pass and excel on these standardized exams.

B.7>NNLAMS: Policy and Politics in the Health of Latinos

Join us for this informative and politically empowering workshop in which you will have the opportunity to learn more about current legislation that affects the health care of Latinos. Panelists will offer their insight and political expertise on current issues pertaining to Latino Health. In addition, audience members will have the opportunity to

ask our panelists Latino health policy related questions. More importantly, come and learn how you can become involved in the policy making process.

Caya Lewis, Deputy Staff Director for Health, Office of Senator Edward Kennedy, (D-MA)

Noe Garcia, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Senator Bill Frist (R-TN)

C.7>NNLAMS: Improving Latino Health through Academic Careers

Academic Medicine is medicine practiced in an academic setting, such as University or Medical school, entailing the discovery, integration, and application of knowledge, and teaching. This workshop will provide the opportunity to meet inspiring speakers who through their work in instruction, science, and patient care are contributing to the advances in Medicine and Minority Health. Come learn about their varied work, and how a career in the creation of new knowledge and skills may be right for you.

Sandra P. Daley, M.D. Clinical Professor of Pediatrics and Assistant Dean of Diversity, University of California, San Diego

Maribel Salas MD, DSc, MSc. Assistant Professor of Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham

C.8>NNLAMS: Needs and Leadership Opportunities to increase Latino Representation in the Medical Professions

In this workshop, medical students will have an opportunity to review a decade of national statistics and trends of Latino representation in the health professions pipeline, and confront the problems that have lead to a staggering under-representation of Hispanics in Medical Schools and Residency programs. Subsequently, three experts in the field, and program directors of Centers of Excellence in Diversity at three renowned Medical Schools (UMDNJ, UCSF and Stanford), will talk about strategies to reverse this trend. Through oral presentations about successful programs in their respective institutions, the speakers will help medical students (and professionals) identify tangible solutions to the Latino under representation problem. This panel should help Latino medical students understand the importance of their role in mentoring high school and premedical students, as well as identify leadership roles in their home institutions to increase the number of Latinos in the medical professions pipeline.

Ronald D. Garcia, Ph.D. Program Director, Center of Excellence, Stanford School of Medicine

Katherine A. Flores, M.D. Program Director, Hispanic Centers of Excellence, UCSF-Fresno

Maria L. Soto-Greene, M.D. Program Director, Hispanic Center of Excellence, UMDNJ



Ronald D. Garcia, Ph.D.

Program Director, Center of Excellence, Stanford School of Medicine
Assistant Dean, Minority Affairs, Stanford School of Medicine
Physician Assistant Program/Family Medicine, Stanford School of Medicine

Dr. Garcia completed graduate training in psychological studies at Stanford University. His clinical training in clinical psychology included internships at San Mateo County General Hospital and the Stanford Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center. Currently he is a senior lecturer in the Division of Family and Community Medicine at the Stanford School of Medicine. In this capacity, he serves as the associate director and director of admissions of the Primary Care Associate Program, a Physician Assistant and Family Nurse Practitioner training program offered jointly by Stanford University Medical Center and Foothill College. He has served as the president of the Association of Physician Assistant Programs.

In addition, Dr. Garcia is the program director of Stanford School of Medicine's Center of Excellence, which sponsors numerous clinical and didactic curriculum offerings. He is the director of the Stanford Comprehensive Health Careers Opportunity Program, which sponsors recruitment and retention activities for minority and disadvantaged individuals interested in health careers. He participates in the School of Medicine's admission process by reviewing and interviewing medical school applicants. He also serves as the chair of an advisory committee to the committee on admissions regarding minority and disadvantaged applicants.

Dr. Garcia is the course coordinator for Ethnicity and Medicine, which focuses on the role of race and ethnicity in clinical care. He has lectured, published, and offered workshops on cultural competence for many years. In 2001 he was appointed Assistant Dean for Minority Affairs.



Katherine A. Flores, M.D.

Assistant Clinical Professor, UC San Francisco
Program Director UCSF-Fresno Latino Center for Medical Education and Research in
Fresno, CA
Program Director UCSF-Fresno Health Career Opportunity Program
Program Director UCSF-Fresno Hispanic Centers of Excellence
President, National AHEC Organization

Born to migrant farm workers in the Central Valley and raised by her grandparents, Katherine Flores attended Stanford University, where she chose her medical career. Through her work as a practicing physician, medical educator and role model and mentor for high school and college students bound for health careers, Flores has dedicated herself to improving the quality of care in underserved communities and increasing the number of Latinos and other under represented minorities in health professions.

Flores established and managed the Sunnyside High School Doctor's and Junior Doctor's Academy and the University of California Latino Center for Medical Education and Research (LaCMER). For these and other programs, Flores recruited faculty and staff from diverse backgrounds. Flores also practices as a family physician within an all-woman, bilingual medical group in Fresno, which serves families from widely varying economic and ethnic backgrounds.

Flores serves as a faculty member of the University of California, San Francisco-Fresno Medical Education Program and as project director for the California Health Education Training Center and for LaCMER. Flores speaks frequently at events across the country, and says that she is continually re-energized by the needs of the Latino community and the dreams of students.



Maria L. Soto-Greene, M.D.

Vice Dean, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ)

Professor, UMDNJ

Program Director, Hispanic Center of Excellence, UNDMJ

Dr. Maria Soto-Greene is Professor and Vice Dean at New Jersey Medical School. She has amassed 22 years of experience in all aspects of medical education. Major teaching assignments throughout her years focused on 1st - 4th year students and ranged from courses in physical diagnosis education to precepting on general floors. She also played an active role in the education and supervision of senior students in the intensive and emergency medicine departments. Furthermore, in her capacity as faculty sponsor, she was instrumental in the development, implementation and clinical supervision of the critical care fellowship. She is committed to advancing the school's cultural competency education. It is through her efforts that NJMS has core objectives and competencies related to cultural and linguistic competence education for all four years of medical education.

As Director of the Hispanic Center of Excellence for over 14 years, Dr. Soto Greene has gained a national reputation for promoting and implementing diversity and cultural competence. She has lectured, consulted and led workshops in these areas. At the federal level, she was selected to join a panel of experts which included highly regarded individuals with extensive expertise in cultural competence. She co-edited and co-authored a document on cultural and linguistic competence education for health professions.

Furthermore, she has served as a consultant to others on how to achieve diversity at the medical student level. The current student diversity NJMS enjoys is a testament to her efforts at successfully competing for and administering educational grants such as the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Summer Medical Education Program.

To this end, Dr. Soto Greene, has also been instrumental in designing and implementing ways to develop young faculty. Through her grants, faculty has received the necessary

release time to dedicate to academic pursuits. She has also shared lessons learned at forums such as the AAMC Minority Faculty Development Conference.

D.6>NNLAMS: Tips and Advice for the Residency Application Process

Applying for residency is a stressful time. Learn about what obstacles you can expect, the timeline for the entire process, and ways to make yourself stand out to successfully match to your number one choice!

D.7>NNLAMS: Community Service/Outreach Poster Session

View posters by chapters from across the United States presenting their community service and outreach efforts. See what programs work and what your chapter can implement in your community.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EVENING PLANNED EVENTS

Friday, March 24, 2006

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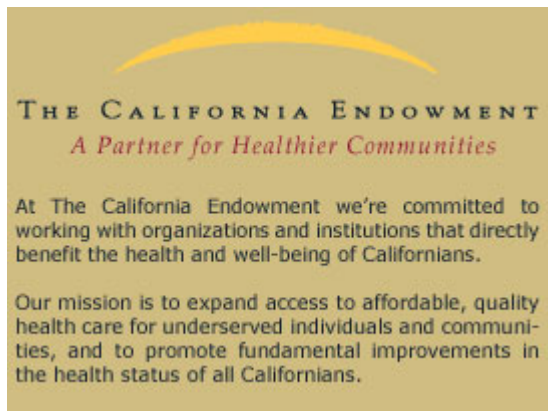
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