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Dr. Rios serves as President & CEO of the National Hispanic Medical Association, (NHMA), representing 50,000 Hispanic physicians in the United States. The mission of the organization is to improve the health of Hispanics. Dr. Rios also serves as President of NHMA's National Hispanic Health Foundation to direct educational and research activities.

Dr. Rios also serves on the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda, the Alliance of Multicultural Physicians and Better Medicare Alliance Boards of Directors, Centene Health Equity Committee, US Department of Health and Human Services, and the VA National Academic Affiliations Council. Dr. Rios has lectured, published articles and has received several leadership awards, including awards from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the

Congressional Black, Hispanic, Asian and Native American Caucuses, American Public Health Association Latino Caucus, Association of Hispanic Health Executives, Minority Health Month, Inc., Hispanic Magazine, Latino Leaders Maestro and Top Latina 100, Verizon's First Pollin Community Service, and Amerigroup and National Diversity Council Top Healthcare Leaders. Dr. Rios was appointed to the Minority Alumni Hall of Fame of Stanford University in October, 2006, as a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine in 2007, the Institute of Medicine Global Forum for Health Professions Education in 2014, as a Fellow (2016) and Master (2022) of the American College of Physicians, and as a member of the Society of Medical Administrators in 2017.

Prior to her current positions, Dr. Rios served as the Advisor for Regional and Minority Women's Health for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health from November 1994 to October 1998. In 1998-2004, Dr. Rios served as Executive Director, Hispanic Serving Health Professions Schools. In 1993, Dr. Rios was appointed to the National Health Care Reform Task Force as Coordinator of Outreach Groups for the White House. From 1992-94, Dr. Rios worked for the State of California Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development as a policy researcher.

Dr. Rios has also served as President, Chicano/Latino Medical Association of California, Founder of the National Network of Latin American Medical Students, member of the California Department of Health Services Cultural Competency Task Force, and Stanford Alumni Association, Women's Policy Inc., NIH Office of Research on Women's Health Advisory Committee, Care First Blue Cross Blue Shield, Nurse Family Partnerships, Campaign Against Obesity, and Partnership for Prevention Boards of Directors, PacifiCare-UnitedHealthcare California Investment Committee, CDC Health Disparities Committee, ASU Health Futures Council, Cancer Treatment Centers of America Hispanic Advisory Council and the AMA's Disparities Commission and Minority Affairs Consortium Steering Committees.

Dr. Rios earned her BA in Human Biology/Public Administration at Stanford University in 1977, MSPH at the UCLA School of Public Health in 1980, MD at the UCLA School of Medicine in 1987, and completed her Internal Medicine residency at the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose and the White Memorial Medical Center in East Los Angeles in 1990, and her NRSA Primary Care Research Fellowship at UCLA Division of General Internal Medicine in 1992.



Yvonne Rodriguez

Yvonne Rodriguez is the founder and CEO of Equality Sciences. Originally from El Paso, Texas, she started working on clinical trials after receiving her BBA from St. Mary's University, in San Antonio, Texas. She brings over 20 years of clinical research industry experience including clinical research sites, IRBs, CROs, and pharmaceutical and biomedical device companies.

Prior to starting Equality Sciences, LLC, Yvonne worked at AstraZeneca for 9 years and led inclusion and diversity work in cross industry collaboratives that has yielded successful results globally.

A highlight of her work focuses on co-creation of physician and coordinator training for physicians that treat underrepresented populations in order to ensure that the affected populations are properly represented in clinical trials.

Yvonne holds a Master of Science in health sciences from George Washington University, and has received a professional certificate from Oxford University.



Carla Casulo, M.D.

Carla Casulo, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine, and Assistant Director of Cancer Research Training and Education at the Wilmot Cancer Institute. She was awarded her medical degree from the State University of New York (Downstate) in Brooklyn, New York. She later completed her Internship, Residency and Chief Residency in Internal Medicine at Yale University School of Medicine in New Haven, Connecticut.

Dr. Casulo completed Hematology and Oncology Fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, New York. Dr. Casulo was honored as recipient of numerous awards, including the John W. Bracket Housestaff Teaching Award at Yale University School of Medicine, the Mortimer Latcher Fellowship Award from the Lymphoma Foundation, and the NIH John Calabresi K12 Career Development Award. Dr. Casulo was recipient of The NIH Loan Repayment Award and was a Scholar in the Lymphoma Research Foundation Clinical Research Mentoring Program.

Dr. Casulo is an international expert and clinician-researcher in all forms of lymphoma, best known for her pivotal work in follicular lymphoma. She also has an expertise and passion for young adults with lymphoma and Hodgkin lymphoma. Dr. Casulo's research focuses on identifying risk and individual prognosis to address patient's treatment needs and sequence of therapy using a precision approach. Dr. Casulo uses real world, large patient datasets and clinical trials to discover patterns of therapy, new treatments, and ways to improve survival for patients with lymphoma.

Dr. Casulo has presented her work and lectured on various lymphoma topics at numerous conferences, both nationally and internationally. She has been Chair of lymphoma sessions at The American Society of Hematology, The American Society of Clinical Oncology, and The International Conference on Malignant Lymphoma. She is a passionate mentor of students and trainees, and the recipient of numerous teaching and mentoring awards, including the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry Trainee Academic Mentoring Award in Clinical Programs.

Dr. Casulo is a Steering Committee Member and Chair of the Women in Lymphoma Global Organization. She is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, in both Hematology and Medical Oncology.