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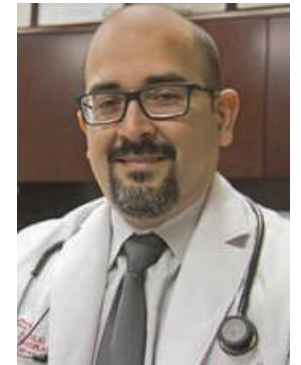
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October 6, 2023

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 2023 AHOMPR Annual Meeting!

Once again, we have the unique opportunity to join this magnificent event. This year we have a distinguished group of world-renowned speakers who will guide us through an exciting journey towards the latest challenges and scientific advances in the field of the Hematology and Medical Oncology. I want to express my gratitude to the chairman of our Scientific Committee Dr. Cristian Rodriguez for making this possible. Also recognize the dedication and excellent work of our administrator and activities coordinator: Mrs. Germaine Quiñones for once again organizing a unique and remarkable Annual Meeting.



I want to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as President for the last 2 years. Representing AHOMPR had been a great honor and privilege. Last year we proudly celebrated the 50 years of our Association. Together we always had been able to overcome difficult times. There are still many challenges in the road to overcome. During these 2 years AHOMPR has been recognized by the public authorities as the voice and the opinion leader in the Hematology and Medical Oncology field and we had many important achievements. Our main goals: to continue overcoming the obstacles that threaten our practices from operating properly, to continue developing up-to-date educational activities, to promote and increase access to clinical research for our patients and to continue providing tools to our members to help improve their community practices. I want to recognize our Executive Board for their great support and commitment during these two years. Also recognize the work and dedication of our Executive Director, Mrs. Jocelyn Serrano and our team of advisors to help us achieve our goals.

Once again, I want to emphasize the importance of staying together and join forces as a group, with one firm voice. This is the key to overcome the great challenges ahead. Together we will be able to break any barriers that threaten what drives us every day: to fight for the health and wellbeing of our cancer patients.

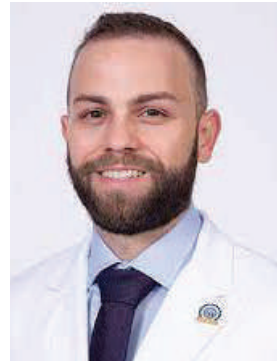
I hope you will enjoy this Annual Meeting.

Alexis M. Cruz Chacon
Alexis M. Cruz Chacon, MD FACP
President
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Dear colleagues,

It's been an honor to be the president of the Scientific Committee for second consecutive year. Our commitment to provide the latest scientific information for the management of patients with cancer. This meeting will gather the best of the best to keep our knowledge up to date and to provide open discussion of importance topics affecting Puerto Ricans with cancer.

We are grateful to have 16 well recognized experts that will share their scientific knowledge in our meeting. The topics were chosen based on the most important breakthrough research articles and it's well balanced between oncology and hematology. This meeting will also provide time for discussion of the management of colon cancer during chemotherapy shortage. Our meeting will not only provide the latest scientific information but also will provide time for sharing and good time. We hope to meet the expectations and keep elevating the standard of our annual meetings.

Cristian Rodríguez
Cristian Rodríguez, MD
President Educational Committee
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Dr. Juan Cintrón-López	1989-1991
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Dr. José Lozada	1993-1994
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Dra. Adry Fernández	1995-1997
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Dr. Luis Clavell	1999-2001
Dra. Eileen Pacheco	2001-2003
Dra. Mayra Rivera	2003-2005
Dr. Ángel Román	2005-2007
Dr. Fernando Cabanillas	2007-2009
Dr. José Lozada-Costas	2009-2011
Dra. Lourdes Feliciano	2011-2013
Dr. José Dávila	2013-2015
Dr. Héctor Vélez	2015-2017
Dr. Sixto Pérez	2017-2021
Dr. Alexis Cruz Chacón	2021-2023





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JOHN MARSHALL, MD

Dr. Marshall received his training at Duke University, the University of Louisville, and Georgetown University. Dr. Marshall is an internationally recognized expert in new drug development for GI cancer, with expertise in phase I, II, and III trial design, and has served as Principal Investigator for more than one hundred clinical trials throughout his career. While he has an interest in many areas of cancer research, his primary focus is on the use of precision medicine in treating cancer. Dr. Marshall has become an outspoken advocate for GI cancer patients and the importance of clinical research participation. In 2009, he established the Otto J Ruesch Center for the Cure of GI Cancers, an organization solely focused on improving the lives of GI cancer patients through innovative research, personalized medicine, and focused advocacy. In 2015, Dr. Marshall both established and directed the Precision Oncology Alliance, a national alliance established to study the impact of molecular profiling on cancer research, value and outcomes. He currently is serving as the Oncology CMO for Indivumed, creating a global precision medicine research network. In 2020, he and his wife published "Off Our Chests, A Candid Tour Through the World of Cancer". In 2022, he became the inaugural Physician Executive Director of the MedStar Washington DC Integrated Hematology Oncology Division.



ARIEL GRAJALES, MD

Dr. Ariel Grajales-Cruz received his MD from Universidad Central del Caribe in Bayamon, Puerto Rico. He completed an Internal Medicine Residency at Veterans Administration Caribbean Healthcare System, where he also served as Chief Resident. He completed a Hematology and Medical Oncology Fellowship at Moffitt Cancer Center/University of South Florida. Dr. Grajales-Cruz is currently an Assistant Member in the Malignant Hematology Department at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute. His clinical and research interests include plasma cell dyscrasias, such as multiple myeloma, monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance, plasmacytoma, primary systemic amyloidosis, as well as low-grade lymphomas.



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EXHIBITORS FLOOR MAP



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AMADO J. ZURITA, MD

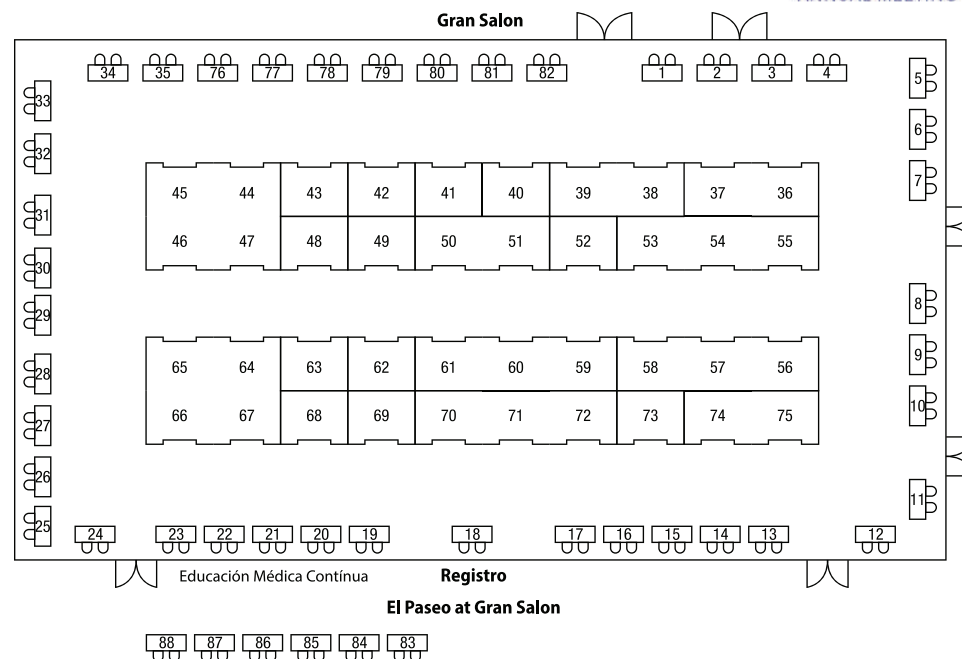
Dr. Amado J. Zurita is a Professor of Medicine in the Department of Genitourinary Medical Oncology at MD Anderson, specialized in the treatment of prostate cancer and renal cell carcinoma. He is an expert in the management of early metastatic prostate cancer, with a research focus to characterize the genomic evolution and adaptive tumor micro environmental responses of these tumors under therapy, to personalize medicine.



NEERAJ AGARWAL, MD

Dr. Neeraj Agarwal is a Professor of medicine and a Presidential-Endowed Chair of Cancer Research at the Huntsman Cancer Institute (HCI), University of Utah. He also directs the Genitourinary Oncology (GU) Program and the Center of Investigational Therapeutics (CIT) at the HCI. Dr. Agarwal is an internationally recognized physician-scientist in the field of genitourinary cancers. He is the overall study chair of multiple Phase I/II and Phase III trials and serves as

a steering committee member of numerous other trials. He has received SWOG Young Investigator Award, the William D. Odell Young Investigator Award, and a National Cancer Institute Cancer Clinical Investigator Team Leadership Award. After receiving his medical training at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi, he completed a internal medicine residency and a geriatric medicine fellowship at the University of Iowa, followed by a hematology-oncology fellowship at HCI.



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- 9:15 – 10:00 AM Topic: **"ADVANCES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF T CELL LYMPHOMAS"**
By: Dr. Lubomir Sokol
- 10:00 – 10:30 AM **COFFEE BREAK**
- 10:30 – 11:45 PM **AHOMPR GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
- 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM **LUNCH**
- 12:45 – 1:30 PM Topic: **"UPDATES IN CARDIO-ONCOLOGY"**
By: Dr. Francisco Cordova
- 1:30 – 2:15 PM Topic: **"UPDATES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF CLL"**
By: Dr. Ariel Grajales
- 2:15 – 3:00 PM Topic: **"OVERVIEW OF CLINICAL DATA FOR ENHERTU (FAM-TRASTUZUMAB DERUXTECAN-NXKI) IN HER2-EXPRESSING METASTATIC BREAST CANCER AN"**
By: Dr. Mohammad Jahanzeb
Sponsored: AstraZeneca
- 3:00 – 4:00 PM **FELLOWS CLINICAL VIGNETTES COMPETITION**
- 8:00 PM **SOCIAL ACTIVITY**
"Chinchorreando en Puerto Rico"
Dress suggested Jeans – Shirt Blue or Red
Show: Tito Auger
Music: Grupo Zona Zero
Activity for adults only-Child Care available

MONDAY – OCTOBER 9, 2023

- 11:00 AM **FAMILY ACTIVITY - POOL PARTY**
Brunch
Raffle for Registered Physicians
AHOMPR 2023 T-Shirt Required

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FERNANDO CABANILLAS, MD

Primary Appointment: Chairman, Centro de Cancer Auxilio Mutuo Hospital Español Auxilio Mutuo de Puerto Rico – Professor of Medicine: University of Puerto Rico, School of Medicine. Adjunct Professor of Medicine: The University of Texas, M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. Adjunct Professor of Medicine, Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, Florida. Faculty Associate, Department of Developmental Therapeutics, M. D. Anderson Hospital – July 1976 – June 1977. Assistant Internist and Assistant Professor of Medicine, Department of Developmental Therapeutics, M. D. Anderson Hospital – 1977 –1978. Associate Internist and Assistant Professor of Medicine, Department of Developmental Therapeutics, M.D. Anderson Hospital – 1978 –1980. Associate Internist and Associate Professor of Medicine, Department of Developmental Therapeutics, M. D. Anderson Hospital 1980 –1983. Internist and Associate Professor of Medicine, Department of Hematology, M. D. Anderson Hospital -1983-1986. Internist and Professor of Medicine, Department of Lymphoma/Myeloma, M. D., Anderson Hospital 1986-2002. Adjunct Professor of Medicine, MD Anderson Hospital. Medical Director Auxilio Mutuo Cancer Center – 2002-2018. February 2009 – to present Professor of Medicine, UPR School of Medicine. August 2009 – to present Adjunct Professor of Medicine, Moffitt Cancer Center



EDUARDO SOTOMAYOR, MD

Dr. Sotomayor is the Director of Tampa General Hospital Cancer Institute and Professor at Morsani College of Medicine, University of South Florida in Tampa. Previously, he was the Director of the George Washington University Cancer Center and before he served as the Susan and John Sykes Endowed Chair in Hematologic Malignancies at Moffitt Cancer Center and Professor of Oncologic Sciences and of Pathology and Cell Biology at the University of South Florida College of Medicine in Tampa. He was also the Scientific Director of the DeBartolo Personalized Medicine Institute at Moffitt Cancer Center. He received his MD degree from Federico Villarreal National University School of Medicine in Lima, Peru. He completed a residency training in Internal Medicine at Jackson Memorial Hospital/University of Miami School of Medicine in Florida, followed by a fellowship in Medical Oncology at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. His translational/clinical research for the past twenty years has focused on the field of cancer immunology and immunotherapy with special emphasis in B-cell malignancies.



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CHRISTOPHER FLOWERS, MD

Christopher Flowers, M.D., M.S. joined The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in August 2019 as Chair of the Department of Lymphoma/Myeloma and was appointed Division Head of Cancer Medicine in September 2023. Through the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Flowers' leadership contributed to the institution's recovery in patient volume while maintaining accelerated safety measures. Prior to MD Anderson, he was professor of Hematology and Oncology with a joint appointment in Biomedical Informatics at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta. During his tenure there, he served the Winship Cancer Institute as director of the Lymphoma Program for 13 years and as scientific director of Research Informatics for four years. An internationally recognized expert in lymphoma clinical care, epidemiology and outcomes research, Dr. Flowers is an innovator who has a passion for facilitating new drug development. He is an active clinician who conducts clinical research involving cancer outcomes, cancer informatics, and phase 1/2 trials, focusing on the clinical development of novel therapeutics for B-cell lymphomas. His broader research interests include patient-oriented research in lymphoma and computer microsimulation models and cost-effectiveness analyses aimed at developing strategies to individualize care for cancer patients and improve systems of care. His work has resulted in >300 peer-reviewed publications.



EDGARDO SANTOS, MD

Dr. Edgardo S. Santos obtained his medical degree in 1994 at the National University of Panama School of Medicine. In 1998, he moved to the United States of America where he did internship, internal medicine residency and hematology/oncology fellowship at Jackson Memorial Hospital/University of Miami School of Medicine from 1998-2004. Awarded best fellow in Hematology-Oncology and best fellow of the Department of Medicine in 2003. Dr. Santos started his faculty career as an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Tulane University Health Sciences Center. He is a former recipient of the American Cancer Society Spirit Award. In 2008, Dr. Santos moved to University of Miami and reached the rank of Associate Professor of Medicine. From 2012-2019, Dr. Santos was the Medical Director of Cancer Research at Lynn Cancer Institute in Boca Raton, Florida. Today, Dr. Santos is a founding member of Florida Precision Oncology/a Division of Genesis Care and the Medical Director of Research Services. Dr. Santos is an active member of ACP, ASCO, ASH, AACR, ESMO, IASLC and OLA.

2:00 – 2:45 PM

Topic: **"UPDATES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF MANTLE CELL LYMPHOMA"**

By: Dr. Eduardo Sotomayor

2:45 – 3:15 PM

COFFEE BREAK

3:15 – 4:00 PM

ENRIQUE VELEZ GARCIA MEMORIAL LECTURE

Topic: **"UPDATES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF COLON CANCER"**

By: Dr. John Marshall

4:00 – 4:45 PM

Topic: **"SPECIAL PANEL: CHALLENGES AND GOALS OF CANCER CLINICAL RESEARCH IN PUERTO RICO"**

Moderator: Dr. Marcia Cruz Correa

4:45PM

Promotional Speaker Program- Non-CME activity

Topic: **"A NEW COMBINATION TREATMENT FOR HOMOLOGOUS RECOMBINATION REPAIR [HRR] GENE-MUTATED METASTATIC CASTRATION-RESISTANCE PROSTATE CANCER PATIENTS"**

By: Dr. Daniel Landau

Sponsored By: PFIZER

8:00 PM

JUNGLE PARTY

Dress Suggested: Animal Prints (Ladies) - Safari Look (Men)
At Pavilion

Music: Grupo Mania

Tribute "Tito Rojas"

Banda Club Soda

Activity for adult's only-Child Care available

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 8, 2023

7:00 – 7:30 AM

REGISTRATION

At: El paseo

7:30 – 8:30 AM

BREAKFAST AND SPONSORED LECTURE

Topic: **"ERLEADA (APALUTAMIDE) FOR THE TREATMENT OF PATIENTS WITH: METASTATIC CASTRATION SENSITIVE PROSTATE CANCER (MCSPC)"**

By: Carlos Mendez Serrano, MD

Sponsored By: JANSSEN

At: Pavilion

8:00 AM

EXHIBITS OPENING

8:30 – 9:15 AM

Topic: **"UPDATES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF UROTHELIAL CANCER"**

By: Dr. Daniel Petrylak



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SATURDAY – OCTOBER 7, 2023

- 7:00 – 7:30 AM **REGISTRATION**
At: El Paseo
- 7:30 – 8:30 AM **BREAKFAST AND SPONSORED LECTURE**
Topic: **“UNVEILING A NEW THERAPY IN 3L + DLBCL: DISCUSSING THE FIRST SQ BSAB IN 3L DLBCL”**
By: Dr. Eduardo Sotomayor
At: Pavilion
Sponsored: ABBVIE
- 8:00 AM **EXHIBITS OPENING**
- SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM**
At: Salones Caribe A-B-C
- Moderator: Dr. Alexis Cruz Chacón
- 8:30 – 8:45 AM **WELCOME REMARKS**
Dr. Alexis Cruz Chacón - President AHOMPR
- 8:45 – 9:30 AM Topic: **“SEQUENCING THERAPY IN DLBCL”**
By: Dr. Christopher Flowers
- 9:30 – 10:15 AM Topic: **“UPDATES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF ADVANCE LUNG CANCER”**
By: Dr. Edgardo Santos
- 10:15 – 10:45 AM **COFFEE BREAK**
- 10:45 – 11:30 AM Topic: **“UPDATES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF MULTIPLE MYELOMA”**
By: Dr. Clifton Mo
- 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM Topic: **“UPDATES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF ADVANCE MELANOMA”**
By: Dr. Sanjiv S. Agarwala
- 12:15 – 1:15 PM **LUNCH**
At Pavilion
- 2:00PM **PAINT & BUBBLE**
Canvas Painting Workshop by Waded Alvarado
Activity only for the accompaniment of doctors.
Limited spaces 25
At: Meeting Center I
- 1:15 – 2:00 PM **ENRIQUE PEREZ SANTIAGO MEMORIAL LECTURE**
Topic: **“UPDATES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF BREAST CANCER”**
By: Dr. Edith Pérez

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CLIFTON MO, MD

Dr. Mo received his medical degree from the Yale School of Medicine in 2004. He completed his internal medicine residency training at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in 2007 and his hematology/oncology fellowship training at the National Capital Consortium (Walter Reed/National Naval Medical Center) in 2010. He is board certified in hematology and medical oncology. Prior to joining the Jerome Lipper Multiple Myeloma Center at Dana-Farber in 2019, Dr. Mo spent 15 years as an active duty physician and officer in the United States Army, achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He spent over six years as a hematologic malignancy specialist at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, where he served as the autologous stem cell transplant program director and inpatient oncology medical director. He currently serves as stem cell transplant director and associate director of clinical research for the multiple myeloma program at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. He is also an assistant professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. His clinical interests include novel therapeutics, the innate immune system and tumor microenvironment, autologous stem cell transplantation, and minimal residual disease detection.



SANJIV AGARWALA, MD

Sanjiv Agarwala, MD, is Co-Founder and Chief Medical Officer of Cancer Expert Now and Professor of Oncology at Temple University School of Medicine, in Philadelphia. He is nationally and internationally recognized as an expert in the research and treatment of melanoma and immunotherapy of cancer and has presented and led numerous conferences and meetings across the globe. He has written and contributed to over 250 publications and book chapters on melanoma, immune-oncology and other research areas and has been principal investigator for multiple clinical trials involving immunotherapy and targeted therapy for melanoma, head & neck and renal cancer and other malignancies. He has received several honors, including listings as one of America's top doctors for cancer and best doctors in the United States.



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EDITH PEREZ, MD

Edith A. Perez, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, is an internationally recognized translational researcher and cancer specialist known for her strategic vision in innovative and patient-centric clinical trial design. Dr. Perez joined Bolt in 2020 and has set direction for the organization's clinical strategy and development and oversees regulatory affairs, pharmacovigilance, biostatistics, and medical affairs for the company's diverse clinical development and early-stage immuno-oncology pipeline. Dr. Perez earned her medical degree from the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine in San Juan and completed her residency in internal medicine at the Loma Linda University Medical Center in California. In addition, Dr. Perez completed her fellowship training at the University of California, Davis. She also completed the Executive Development Program at the Harvard Kennedy School and the Executive Leadership and the Management Executive Programs at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Perez is board certified in internal medicine, medical oncology, and hematology.



MARCIA CRUZ-CORREA, MD

Dr. Marcia Cruz-Correa completed her B.S. in Biology and her medical degree at the University of Puerto Rico (UPR). She completed a residency in Internal Medicine at the UPR and a fellowship in Gastroenterology & Hepatology at the Johns Hopkins University. She completed a doctorate degree in Clinical Investigation and Genetic Epidemiology at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She is Professor of Medicine at the UPR, Adjunct Associate Professor of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University (Maryland, USA) and Adjunct Professor of Surgical Oncology at MD Anderson Cancer Center (Houston, TX). In 2020, Dr. Cruz-Correa became the first women Executive Director of the UPR Comprehensive Cancer Center and has continue to lead the Gastrointestinal Oncology Research Program. She is the lead investigator of the Hispanic Alliance for Clinical & Translational Research, NIGMS funded research infrastructure and career development grant. Her multidisciplinary research program has been continuously funded by the NIH for over 19 years and is aimed at understanding the etiology and genetics of gastrointestinal cancer.

FRIDAY AM – OCTOBER 6, 2023

10:00AM	REGISTRATION At: El paseo
10:30AM	EXHIBIT'S OPENING
	SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM At: Salones Caribe A-B-C
Moderator:	Dr. Cristian Rodriguez
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Topic: "MEET THE EXPERT"- DISCUSSION OF THE MANAGEMENT OF COLORECTAL CANCER DURING CHEMOTHERAPY SHORTAGE" By: John Marshall, MD Salon Caribe A-B-C
12:30 – 1:30 PM	LUNCH Topic: "RELAPSED OR REFRACTORY MULTIPLE MYELOMA: A CASE-BASED" By: Ariel Grajales Cruz, MD Sponsored by: Sanofi At: Pavilion
2:00 – 2:45 PM	Topic: "UPDATES IN THE THERAPY FOR RCC" By: Amado Zurita, MD
2:45 – 3:30 PM	Topic: "UPDATES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF ADVANCED PROSTATE CANCER" By: Dr. Neeraj Agarwal
3:30 – 4:00 PM	COFFEE BREAK
4:00- 4:45 PM	Topic: "UPDATES OF THE TREATMENT OF RELAPSED REFRACTORY FL" By: Dr. Fernando Cabanillas
7:30 – 8:30PM	WELCOME COCKTAIL Activity for adults only At: Pavilion Activity for adults only - Child Care available
8:30 – 9:15 PM	Promotional Speaker Program Topic: "HEME-ONCO EXPERT CHALLENGE" Sponsored by: Bristol Myers
9:30 PM	DINNER AND MUSIC At: Pavilion Music: AQ'S TIKO, DJ & Karaoke Golo Cruz



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DR. ENRIQUE VÉLEZ GARCÍA

Doctor Enrique Vélez-García was born in San Juan one of the decades of 20th century. After he graduated with high honors from the University of Puerto Rico, his big break came and was accepted to study medicine at the newly founded School of Medicine of the University of Puerto Rico formerly known as The School of Tropical Medicine. While it was already very clear to him of what would be his course: Clinical Investigator. Once achieved the dream of becoming a Medicine Doctor, became the big question: And now what? At the behest of their professors and seeing the great potential of this lanky boy, they recommended him to do the exercise of applying to the Washington University and Barnes Hospital to perform an internship in internal medicine - at that time one of the most prestigious residences in the

United States. He was accepted in the first round; thus, becoming the first Puerto Rican in being accepted into such a residence. Been there, not only his insight and natural intelligence gave him success, but he earned the admiration and friendship of great figures in the Medicine of the time as was the late Dr. Carl Moore. Completed the year of internship, Dr. Vélez joined the United States Air Force as Flying Surgeon. While there, traveled throughout Southeast of Asia being assigned to various military bases and finally appointed as physician-in-chief at the United States Bangkok's Embassy. Being about to complete his military service, he receives a call from the University of Washington offering him a post of resident of medicine, a position he could not refuse.

The dynamism, enthusiasm and dedication of Dr. Vélez changed completely the course not only of Hematology field, but the practice of medicine in Puerto Rico. As the first oncologist, created the first Oncology Clinics in Puerto Rico, opened the service of Chemotherapies in Puerto Rico and made it accessible to both rich and poor. It created the Regional Medical Service, where he personally traveled to different parts of the island to bring oncology services to patients who could not access the area of San Juan. Dr. Vélez-García created a program of clinical research in the area of oncology and hematology never before seen on the island. This same discipline and rigor in his work made Puerto Rico to shine on the map not only in terms of scientific research, but the in medicine in general. In 1969, Dr. Vélez-García took a transcendental step in the development of Puerto Rico's Medical Oncology implementing the first program of clinical trials sponsored by the National Institute of Cancer (NCI) in Puerto Rico. At the same time, he was appointed principal investigator of the SECSG ("Southeastern Cancer Study Group"), achieving the first donation from the NCI to support clinical research into cancer in Puerto Rico. He was recognized not only as one more of this select group of international scientists, but he was recognized as *Primum Inter pares* - first among equals. Thanks to this momentum, dedication and rigor, Puerto Rico was a main protagonist in the development of treatments that today we consider the canons of medical oncology. Among these we can mention: 1) the description and therapeutic use of estrogen receptors in breast cancer, 2) the use of the combination of chemo-radiation for head and neck tumors and 3) the use of chemotherapy for Hodgkin's lymphomas, among many others. It was the time which today has been dubbed as the "Golden Century" of the Puerto Rican Oncology.

As a result of his hard work and dedication, Dr. Vélez published multiple articles in journals of worldwide recognition such as *Blood*, *JCO*, *The New England Journal of Medicine*, *Cancer*, *Hematologica* and *The British Journal of Hematology*.

Being the chief of the section of Hematology and Medical Oncology, for 40 years, was his most precious life project. This has not only earned him the laurels of having trained most of the Hematologists and oncologists in Puerto Rico, but he maintained a fully accredited program since its creation. A training program which received national and international awards and accolades. A training program in continuous growth up to the creation of the bone marrow transplant program, the first in Puerto Rico. His triumphs were not only limited to the professional area, Dr. Vélez has managed to finely balance his life with opposites: academia and private life, work and family, sacrifice and *carpe diem*. Today, he may be counted among those few fortunate who can feel surrounded by a family that returns back the love that he offered them for so many years. In the words of Winston Churchill: "the truth is incontrovertible, malice may attack it, ignorance may deride it, but in the end, the truth will be there".

Today, we are faced with a great truth: that there are stories with men, that there are men with history, but there are men who make the history. It is therefore that, the past, the present and future generations of hematologists and oncologists try today to make a monumental but perhaps insufficient effort. An effort to settle an incalculable debt of dedication and effort to the man, the physician, the founding father, the researcher, to the husband and father and grandfather.



DANIEL PETRYLAK, MD

Daniel P. Petrylak, MD was appointed to lead the genitourinary cancers medical oncology team at Smilow Cancer Hospital as director of the genitourinary cancer research group, Professor, and co-director of the Cancer Signaling Network program. Dr. Petrylak joined Yale from Herbert Irving Cancer Center at Columbia University Medical Center with New York-Presbyterian Hospital, where he served as a Professor of

Medicine and began his appointment in September of 2012. Dr. Petrylak is a member of the American Association for Cancer Research, American Society for Clinical Oncology, American College of Physicians, American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Urological Association, and the Southwest Oncology Group. After serving for more than 20 years as the advanced bladder chair for SWOG, Dr Petrylak is now the Vice Chair of the Genitourinary Committee of SWOG. He additionally has led multiple national and international studies in prostate and bladder cancer.



LUBOMIR SOKOL, MD

Lubomir Sokol, MD earned his degree from Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic and trained in Medical and Radiation Oncology at the Department of Clinical Oncology, Charles University, Czech Republic. He did his PhD studies focused on molecular biology of primary polycythemia at University of Alabama at Birmingham. Subsequently, he finished his internal medicine internship and residency at

Louisiana State University and hematology/oncology fellowship at University of South Florida. After graduation, he accepted a faculty position at the Department of Malignant Hematology, Moffitt Cancer Center. His clinical and laboratory research focus has been on pathobiology and management of lymphoid malignancies, especially T cell lymphomas and leukemias. He has headed his T-cell Lymphoma Program and Multidisciplinary Cutaneous Lymphoma Clinic at Moffitt Cancer Center.



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FRANCISCO CORDOVA, MD

Dr. Francisco Cordova is an Adult Cardiologist. He returned to his native Puerto Rico in 2019, and specializes in Cardio-Oncology, Advanced Heart Failure, Cardiovascular Imaging and Nuclear Cardiology, at the Hospital Centro Comprensivo de Cáncer de la Universidad de Puerto Rico (UPR), and in private practice at Torre Medica Auxilio Mutuo and at Hospital Auxilio Mutuo, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Dr. Cordova graduated from the UPR School of Medicine in 2003. He then completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine affiliated hospitals in Houston, Texas, followed by a postdoctoral fellowship in Advanced Heart Failure and Cardiac Transplantation at the Methodist DeBakey Cardiology Associates, The Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas, and an Adult Cardiovascular Diseases Fellowship at the University of Texas at Houston affiliated hospitals, Houston, Texas, where he served as the Clinical Chief Fellow. And was awarded the 2008 Clinical, 2009 Imaging and 2010 Cardiology Research Awards at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.



DR. ENRIQUE PÉREZ SANTIAGO

Dr. Enrique Pérez Santiago was born in Comerío, a town in the banks of the "La Plata" river in the heart of the central mountainous region of the island. He was the youngest of three children of Manuel A. Pérez, a rural school teacher and tobacco grower and Carlota Santiago. The family moved to San Juan after he had completed first grade because Don Manuel accepted a job in the Division of Statistics of the Department of Health. He went to the UPR for his first two years of college, then moved to New York University where he finished college and went on to the University of Maryland where he began the medical school in 1939. He graduated in 1943, in the middle of the WWII, and returned to Puerto Rico where he interned at the Fajardo's District Hospital. Afterwards, he entered the prestigious School of Tropical Medicine to pursue a career in Internal Medicine. There he met Cecilia Díaz, a medical technologist who was working in the Hematology Laboratory. Two years later, in 1946, Enrique and Cecilia were married. Six children were the product of this union.

After a short stay in the Army at the end of WWII, Dr. Pérez Santiago completed his residency in Internal Medicine at the San Juan City Hospital and returned to the School of Tropical Medicine as Medical Director. In 1950, he began a Hematology Fellowship at the New England Center Hospital in Boston, under the tutelage of William Dameshek, one of the eminent American hematologists of that era. From Boston, he returned to Puerto Rico as Director of the Hematology Section of the Bayamón District Hospital, where he initiated a series of seminal studies in Tropical Sprue in collaboration with his extraordinary assistant, Jean Fradera. Since 1953, he became part of a team of prominent investigators from the US Armed Forces stationed at Fort Brook Army Hospital in El Morro in Old San Juan, who studies tropical sprue and megaloblastic anemia which was its classic presentation.

Dr. Pérez Santiago became a close collaborator of William Crosby, Frank Gardner, Ted Butterworth and Tom Sheehy and together made important contributions during this period. The record shows over fifty publications in peer-reviewed journals, product of this collaboration.

On year 1961, Dr. Perez Santiago was elected president of the Puerto Rico Medical Association and in 1973, he became Assistant Secretary of Health. Later on, he became Dean of the University Of Puerto Rico School Of Medicine. During his tenure as Dean, Dr. Pérez became to be the cornerstone in the development of the foundations of the Oncology Program in that institution.

During his career, Enrique developed close contacts and friendship with the directors of the American Society of Hematology. It was with their support that in 1970, he organized the annual ASH meeting held in San Juan. It was after the success of this meeting that Dr. Pérez Santiago obtained the approval of the Executive Committee of ASH to establish the Puerto Rican Society of Hematology with 21 founding members.

Through his life of outstanding achievements, Dr. Pérez Santiago was a huge pillar in the field of Hematology in Puerto Rico. In 1976 this Society recognized his achievements in a special ceremony and in 1984 bestowed upon him the honor of being appointed its first Emeritus Member.

During his life, Enrique heightened the image of what a true public servant should be His dedication and devotion towards his wife, children and family have set an example for all of us. In addition, his style and refined personality adorned with an attributes such as integrity, humility and communicative skills set the standard for future generations.

Today, the Association's primary mission, as set out by Dr. Enrique Pérez Santiago and the founding members, is being fulfilled with activities such as the one being witnesses here this weekend.