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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This Continuing Medical Education activity is designed to update primary care and specialty practices on the evolving strategies for implementing value-based care, new primary care practice models, and evidence-based medicine to meet the needs of communities ravaged by the COVID-19 pandemic. The intent is to inform the attendees on best practices and innovations in addressing racial equity and the needs of special patient populations.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of the event, participants will:

- Understand evolving models of value-based care
- Recognize strategies for applying evidence-based medicine to communities impacted by COVID-19
- Learn best practices to identify and address health equity in the communities that they serve, using data to define standards of care
- Adopt pragmatic tools and innovations to address the needs of patient populations

INTENDED AUDIENCE

Medical directors, physicians, physician assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, health professionals, allied health professionals and workers, and practice and health organization leaders serving displaced, immigrant, and vulnerable patients.

ACCREDITATION STATEMENT

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REGISTRATION

If you need additional information or to register for the conference, please email Angela Sullivan, Manager, Provider Education, asullivan@healthfirst.org or 917-748-8455.

7:00AM—7:30AM	<p>Registration</p>
	<p>Welcome and Greetings Ramón Tallaj, MD <i>Founder and Chairman, SOMOS Community Care</i></p>
7:30AM—8:00AM	<p>Pat Wang <i>President and Chief Executive Officer, Healthfirst</i></p> <p>Introduction into the CME Activity and Announcements Allison Stark, MD, MBA <i>Vice President and Chief Medical Officer CMO Montefiore Care Management</i></p>
<p>Special Speaker</p>	
8:00AM—8:30AM	<p>Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia** <i>Presidente de la Academia por la Vida del Vaticano</i></p>
<p>Equity in Health and Wellness: Healing and Transforming the System to Deliver a Single Standard of Care</p>	
	<p>Bridging the Digital Divide to Promote Digital Health Equity LaPrincess Brewer, MD, MPH, FACC, FACP, FASPC <i>Assistant Professor of Medicine, Department of Cardiovascular Medicine, Division of Preventive Cardiology, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine</i></p>
8:30AM—10:00AM	<p>Confronting Systemic Racism and Bias in Medicine Alyson K. Myers, MD <i>Associate Professor and Associate Chair for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Department of Medicine, Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine</i></p> <p>Citizenship as a Social Determinant of Health: Health Access and Utilization with Immigrant Populations Errol Pierre, MPA, DBA <i>Senior Vice President, State Programs, Healthfirst, Assistant Professor of Health Administration, New York University</i></p>
10:00AM—10:45AM	<p>Question and Answer Session</p>
10:45AM—11:00AM	<p>Break: 15 Minutes</p>

Recovery and Beyond COVID-Pandemic

Post-COVID Conditions (Long COVID): What We Know

Douglas G. Fish, MD

Chief Medical Officer, New York State Medicaid

Recovery and Beyond the Pandemic: The Pediatric Population in The United States

Mara Minguez, MD, MSc

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Population & Family Health, Columbia University Irving Medical Center

Long-term COVID Complications and How to Approach for Better Improvement in Quality of Care

Yomaris Peña, MD

*Medical Director, YPP New Modern Medicine
Chief Medical Officer, SOMOS Community Care*

11:00AM—12:30PM

12:30PM—1:00PM

Question and Answer Session

1:00PM—1:45PM

Lunch Break: 45 Minutes

The Economics of Medicine for Community Practices in Volatile Times

Social Risk, Financing, and the Safety Net

Andrey Ostrovsky, MD, FAAP

Managing Partner, Social Innovation Ventures

The Changing Environment of Healthcare - A Look at Evolving Primary and Ambulatory Care

Arthur Klein, MD, BSMD

Previous President and Previous President Emeritus of the Mount Sinai Health Network

Clinical Professor of Pediatrics and Administration at the New York Institute of Technology

Adjunct Professor, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University

1:45PM—2:45PM

2:45PM—3:15PM

Question and Answer Session

3:15PM—4:00PM

Madrid: A Health Delivery Response Model to COVID-19 Pandemic

Enrique Ruiz Escudero

Head of Community Health for Madrid

4:00PM—4:15PM

Break: 15 Minutes

Approaches to Address the Rising Tides of Behavioral Health Needs

Current Status of Illicit Drugs, Consequences in Public Health, and Predisposition to COVID-19

Bernard Fialkoff, DDS

Periodontal/Implant/Laser Surgeon; President Foundation for a Drug Free World Americas Chapter; New York State Dental Society Chemical Dependency Committee; Pierre Fauchard Honoree, Fellow of the International College of Dentists

Youth Anxiety in the COVID Era: An update on research and treatment to help kids, caregivers, & clinicians meet the challenges of these times

Sandra S. Pimentel, PhD

*Chief, Child, and Adolescent Psychology
Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine*

Stigmas Around Mental Illness

Fernando Taveras, MD

Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center

Mild Cognitive Impairment: Something is not right with my brain

George Hennawi, MD, CMD, FACP

Chair of Geriatrics, MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital and MedStar Union Memorial Hospital

4:15PM—6:15PM

6:15PM—6:45PM

Question and Answer Session

Closing Remarks/Adjourn

Ramón Tallaj, MD

Founder and Chairman, SOMOS Community Care

**Non-CME presentation

LaPrincess Brewer, MD, MPH, FACC, FACP, FASPC



Assistant Professor of Medicine, Department of Cardiovascular Medicine, Division of Preventive Cardiology, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine

Dr. Brewer is a Consultant in the Division of Preventive Cardiology within the Department of Cardiovascular Medicine, as well as Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. She has a primary research focus in developing strategies to reduce and ultimately eliminate cardiovascular disease health disparities in racial and ethnic minority populations and in underserved communities through health promotion and community-based participatory research. Dr. Brewer also has special interest in increasing minority and women's participation in cardiovascular clinical trials through mobile health (mHealth) interventions. Additionally, she has published work on faith-based interventions for cardiovascular disease prevention, racial differences in weight maintenance and psychosocial factors influencing cardiovascular risk factors.

Focus areas:

Community-based participatory research. In collaboration with several community partners in the Rochester, Minneapolis, and St. Paul, Minnesota, areas, Dr. Brewer has developed a cardiovascular health and wellness program within African American churches focused on healthy lifestyle behavior change to achieve ideal cardiovascular health. She is investigating the influence of self-efficacy, social support, and self-regulation on behavior change.

Health lifestyle interventions. Dr. Brewer is currently developing and testing the feasibility and acceptability of a culturally appropriate, risk-based digital application intervention targeting multiple cardiovascular risk factors among African Americans. She also developed a patient-centric, virtual world technology-delivered cardiac rehabilitation program as an alternative to standard programs with the goal of increasing access for ethnic minorities, women, rural residents, the elderly, and the economically disadvantaged.

Social determinants of health. Dr. Brewer studies the role of psychosocial influences on cardiovascular risk factors and cardiovascular health. These psychosocial influences are inclusive of racial identity, stress, income inequality, religion or spirituality, and sociocultural pressures.

Women's health. Several of Dr. Brewer's research studies have prioritized the inclusion of women, particularly African American women, within lifestyle interventions given their disproportionately high risk for cardiovascular disease.

Significance to patient care

Dr. Brewer hopes that her research and behavioral interventions will help narrow the gap in exemplary cardiovascular health outcomes among underserved groups. She also seeks to better elucidate the social determinants of cardiovascular health and how they contribute to racial and ethnic disparities in cardiovascular disease. Ultimately, her comprehensive health promotion modalities and education tools can serve as a model for clinicians and public health practitioners to provide relevant health information more effectively to racial and ethnic minorities and women with the goal of achieving healthy lifestyle change.



Alyson K. Myers, MD



Associate Professor and Associate Chair for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Department of Medicine, Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Dr. Alyson Myers is an Associate Professor and the Associate Chair for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the Department of Medicine at Montefiore/Albert Einstein in the Bronx. She also is an adjunct Associate Professor at the Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell. Dr. Myers attended the University of Virginia, where she majored in French and minored in Chemistry. After college, she returned home to Queens, NY, to teach junior high school math and science. A year later, she attended SUNY Downstate for medical school, where she was the four-year recipient of the President's Award Scholarship. She completed a five-year combined Internal Medicine/Psychiatry Residency at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, IL. During her fourth year, she was selected as chief resident. After residency, she completed an endocrinology fellowship at the University of Texas Southwestern. During fellowship she received a T32 training grant in the area of mood disorders under the mentorship of Dr. Madhukar Trivedi. In late 2015, Dr. Myers was accepted as an Empire Clinical Research Investigators Program (ECRIP) fellow. As an ECRIP fellow she is conducting a feasibility study exploring the use of TeleHealth for lifestyle modification and improved glycemic control in Black and Hispanic patients with uncontrolled type 2 diabetes. From 2014-2020, she also served as the Medical Director for Inpatient Diabetes at North Shore University Hospital.

She has several publications on the topics of diabetes disparities and diabetes technology. She has been a reviewer for several journals, including *Journal of Diabetes Science and Technology* and *Diabetes Care*. Also, she is an active member of the Endocrine Society as an abstract reviewer, and a presenter for 2022 ExCEL Program. Dr. Myers also serves on the American Board of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism. She has received numerous awards and accolades, including being recognized on Doctor's Day for community service by Northwell Health in 2021 and as Top Doctor of the Year by Professional Organization of Women Excellence Recognized (POWER) in 2019.

In her spare time, Dr. Myers enjoys volunteering in her community, travelling, watching movies, and going to the gym.



Errol Pierre, MPA, DBA



Senior Vice President, State Programs, Healthfirst Assistant Professor of Health Administration, New York University

Errol Pierre is the Senior Vice President of State Programs at Healthfirst, the largest not-for-profit health plan in New York State, serving 1.8 million members. In this role, he is accountable for growth, profit/loss, sales, and retention for the Medicaid, Long-Term Care, and Commercial product portfolios. Prior to Healthfirst, Errol spent more than 10 years at Empire BlueCross BlueShield, which is the largest for-profit health plan in New York State, serving close to five million members. Throughout his tenure, he held various leadership roles in Sales and Strategy, leaving the company as the Chief Operating Officer in 2019.

A resident of the Bronx, New York, Errol graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Fordham University and obtained a master's degree in Health Policy and Financial Management from New York University. In December 2021, Errol completed his doctoral degree focused on Health Equity. He is an adjunct professor at New York University, Columbia University, and Baruch College, teaching various courses in Healthcare and Business. In his spare time, Errol volunteers for numerous non-profit organizations. He is a board member of the Arthur Ashe Institute of Urban Health and is a member of the national 100 Black Men's Health & Wellness Committee.

In 2020, he was acknowledged as one of the Caribbean-American "Power 100" by Carib News and was awarded for "Outstanding Community Service" by the Aesclepius Medical Society. In 2018, he received the Outstanding & Dedicated Service Award by 100 Black Men and the Home Award by the National Organization for the Advancement of Haitians.

Errol is also the author of the newly released book, *The Way Up – Climbing the Corporate Mountain as a Professional of Color*, published by Wiley in 2022.



Douglas Fish, MD



Chief Medical Officer, New York State Medicaid

Doug is the Chief Medical Officer for the New York State Department of Health's Office of Health Insurance Programs, otherwise known as Medicaid, where he has worked for the past 7.5 years to bring his clinical experience to the policy discussion. During the pandemic, Doug served as the New York State Department of Health co-lead at NYC's Jacob Javits Center COVID-19 Alternate Care Site hospital in 2020 and at the Javits Mass Vaccination site in 2021.

Prior to Department of Health, Doug worked at Albany Medical College for 21 years in the Department of Medicine and was the Medical Director for the Division of HIV Medicine and the hospital's Designated AIDS Center, including its Ryan White Dental Office. He is Board Certified in both Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases and maintains his affiliation with Albany Medical College as an Associate Professor of Medicine, participating in the Infectious Diseases' hospital call rotation on weekends.



Mara M. Minguez, MD, MSc



Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Population & Family Health, Columbia University Irving Medical Center

Mara Minguez, MD, MSc, currently serves as the Assistant Chief Medical Officer for Community Affairs at the NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, Columbia University Irving Medical Center. In this role, she is responsible for developing and strengthening existing relationships with NYPH communities including Elected Officials, Community Based Organizations, Community Health Partners, and Community Physicians.

She has been a faculty member since 2007 and has an existing appointment as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Pediatrics and Public Health at Columbia University Irving Medical Center and the Mailman School of Public Health and is board-certified in Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine. She is a clinical preceptor at a school-based health center located in a busy Bronx high school, where she is responsible for the clinical care of adolescents as well as the teaching of medical students, pediatric residents, and adolescent medicine fellows.

Dr. Minguez has been involved in research evaluations that have demonstrated the impact of school-based health centers on reproductive health and preventive care services in adolescents in New York City and has conducted a comprehensive assessment of school-based health centers in the Dominican Republic.

Additionally, Dr. Minguez is the Medical Director of the Lang Youth Medical Program at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, a 6-year medical enrichment program for underserved junior/high school students in the Washington Heights/Inwood community in New York City. In this role, she advises regarding curriculum, coordinates partnerships with professional organizations, and oversees program evaluation.

The well-being of medically underserved adolescents and an increase of minority representation in the medical field are a few examples of Dr. Minguez's focus, inspiration, and passion.



Yomaris Peña, MD



Medical Director, YPP New Modern Medicine Chief Medical Officer, SOMOS Community Care

Yomaris Peña, MD, is a young and successful doctor who has earned the love and respect of her community and everyone who has met her during her career as a medical doctor and assistant professor at two prestigious universities both in the Dominican Republic and in the USA. She considers herself a citizen of the universe, even though her roots of origin are Dominican.

Born in Santiago, Dominican Republic, and raised half of her life in Puerto Rico, she opened her soul to learn about different cultures and adapt medicine to each individual person as she recognized that diversity and different ideologies may interfere with the health and overall wellness plan for each one of us. She strives to understand and connect with each one of the people that she encounters to meet their needs. In other words, keeping you healthy, physically and emotionally, is her goal.

Dr. Peña performed part of her internship as a medical student at St. Barnabas Hospital, Bronx, NY, and Creighton University Medical Center, Nebraska, for Internal Medicine and Anesthesiology, respectively, also community hospitals in Dominican Republic such as Arturo Grullon- Pediatrics Center and Hospital Jose Maria Cabral y Baez (Ob/Gyn and Surgery) in Santiago, Dominican Republic.

She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Medical School at the age of 23 from Pontificia Universidad Catholic Madre y Maestra Santiago in Dominican Rep (PUCMM). She was an Assistant Professor in the Morphology Department at PUCMM from 2001-2004, imparting classes in Embryology, Anatomy and Histology. Her Internal Medicine Residency was completed at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, now Rutgers University Medical Center, from 2006-2009, where she was exposed to both underserved communities in Newark and East Orange, as well as the privileged patient population of Hackensack, NJ.

She has since worked in the private practice sector in underserved communities of NYC providing care to patients with low income.

She serves as the Medical Director and CEO of YPP New Modern Medicine PLLC, which is a specialized center for internal medicine and anti-aging medicine. Dr. Yomaris Peña has also served as the Director of Medical Response at SOMOS Community Care in 2021. Dr. Peña is currently the Chief Medical Officer of SOMOS Community Care.

Through SOMOS Community Care, Dr. Peña led multiple vaccination sites from 01/2021, including NYCHA Centers, churches, medical offices, and mass vaccination sites; Aqueduct Racetrack, Bay Eden, Bronx, NY, and was the oversight for the Yankee Stadium Vaccination Site.

She has also engaged in humanitarian missions with Latin-American countries such as Dominican Republic (2014- until present time) and Puerto Rico after hurricane Maria in efforts of recovery.

Additionally, she has been a voluntary worker during the COVID-19 pandemic at a testing site as a Medical Coordinator at Lehman College, Church of Saint Brigid-Saint Emeric, New York Stock Exchange, and multiple testing sites from SOMOS Community Care in Houston and Tampa, Florida (from March 16, 2020 – until now).



Andrey Ostrovsky, MD, FAAP



Managing Partner, Social Innovation Ventures

Dr. Andrey Ostrovsky was the former Chief Medical Officer of the US Medicaid program. He is the Managing Partner at Social Innovation Ventures, where he invests in and advises companies and non-profits dedicated to eliminating disparities. He also advises federal and state regulators on how to incorporate human centered design into policy making. He previously operated a series of methadone clinics in Baltimore, Maryland. Prior to working on the front line of the opioid use disorder crisis, he served as the Chief Medical Officer for the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, the nation's largest health insurer, where he advocated to protect the program against several legislative efforts to significantly dismantle the program. He also led efforts to streamline Medicaid and make it more customer centric. Before leading the Medicaid program, he co-founded the software company Care at Hand, an evidence-based predictive analytics platform that used insights of non-medical staff to prevent aging people from being hospitalized. Care at Hand was acquired in 2016 by Mindoula Health. Before Care at Hand, Dr. Ostrovsky led teams at the World Health Organization, United States Senate, and San Francisco Health Department toward health system strengthening. Dr. Ostrovsky has served on several boards and committees dedicated to behavioral health, interoperability standards, quality measurement, and home and community-based services including the National Academies of Medicine, National Quality Forum, Institute for Healthcare Improvement, and the Commonwealth Fund.

Andrey holds a Medical Doctorate and undergraduate degrees in Chemistry and Psychology Magna cum Laude from Boston University and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Andrey completed his pediatrics residency training in the Boston Combined Residency Program at Boston Medical Center and Boston Children's Hospital where he was a clinical instructor at Harvard Medical School. He is currently teaching faculty and attending physician at Children's National Medical Center.



Arthur Klein, MD, BSMD



Previous President and Previous President Emeritus of the Mount Sinai Health Network, Clinical Professor of Pediatrics and Administration at the New York Institute of Technology, Adjunct Professor, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University

Arthur A. Klein, MD, a longtime leader in healthcare management, most recently served until 2020 as the President of the Mount Sinai Health Network, and in 2021 as the President Emeritus of the Mount Sinai Health Network, overseeing many clinical relationships for Mount Sinai and critical business development activities.

Dr. Klein is currently a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics and Administration at The New York Institute of Technology and adjunct faculty at the Mailman School of Public Health of Columbia University.

Prior to these recent positions, Dr. Klein served as the Regional Executive Director of the Western Region of the North Shore-LIJ Health System; Senior Vice President for Pediatric Services of the North Shore-LIJ Health System; Chief of Staff of the Steven and Alexandra Cohen Children's Medical Center of NY; and the Philip Lanzkowsky Professor of Pediatrics Hofstra North Shore-LIJ Medical School.

Dr. Klein was the Regional Executive Director of the Western Region which included Lenox Hill Hospital, Manhattan Eye Ear and Throat Institute, Staten Island University Hospital's North and South Sites, the proposed Center for Comprehensive Care in Lower Manhattan and other potential markets west of the Van Wyck Expressway. Dr. Klein was responsible for administrative oversight of these facilities and coordination of activities in this region to focus on building physician partnerships and looking for new opportunities of growth and investment.

Dr. Klein was responsible for the professional services and strategies of the Steven and Alexandra Cohen Children's Medical Center, the largest children's hospital in New York State and for the quality and growth of the Children's Service Line for the North Shore-LIJ Healthcare System.

Dr. Klein has had an extensive career in academic medicine and administration. He held the Philip Lanzkowsky Endowed Professorship of Pediatrics at the Hofstra/North Shore-LIJ School of Medicine. He was previously a Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and a Professor of Clinical Public Health at the Weill College of Medicine of Cornell University and served for many years as the Executive Vice Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at Weill Cornell. He also served for almost 3 years as an Associate Dean at the Warren Alpert School of Medicine of Brown University.

Dr. Klein's administrative career began and was advanced at New York Hospital and then New York Presbyterian Hospital where he eventually served as the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the New York Presbyterian Healthcare System. Prior to assuming his current position at the North Shore-LIJ Healthcare System, Dr. Klein served as the Associate Dean for Strategy and Special Projects at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and as the Chief Physician Officer of Lifespan, the academic hospital system of Rhode Island.

Dr. Klein is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Cardiology and has written extensively on pediatric cardiology. He also serves, or has served, on a number of committees and Boards including the Board of The Sackler School of Medicine/Tel Aviv University, The Committee for Hispanic Children and Families, Inc., as the Chair of the Committee on Health Professions of the American Hospital Association and served a four-year tenure on the National Board of the Voluntary Hospital Association of America.

A native of New York City, Dr. Klein received his undergraduate degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his medical degree from the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center.



Enrique Ruiz Escudero



Head of Community Health for Madrid

Enrique Ruiz Escudero was born in Madrid, where he graduated in Medicine and Surgery from the Complutense University of Madrid. He has completed a Master's in Economic Management from the Instituto de Empresa Business School.

During the VIII and IX Legislatures he was an elected Deputy in the Madrid Assembly, where he held the positions of Spokesman of the Comprehensive Disability Policies Commission, Spokesman of the Vice-Presidency, Culture and Sports Commission, Spokesman of the Social Affairs Commission, and Spokesman Deputy of the Presidency and Health Commission.

In April 2013, he was appointed Deputy Minister for the Environment and Territorial Planning of the Community of Madrid, and in July 2015 he held the position of Deputy Minister for the Presidency and Justice, until September 2017, the date on which he was appointed Director of Health for the first time.

In the current Legislature, he once again holds this responsibility, taking office on June 21, 2021.

He is also President of the Popular Party of Pozuelo de Alarcón and a member of the Regional Board of Directors.



Dr. Bernard Fialkoff, DDS



Periodontal/Implant/Laser Surgeon; President Foundation for a Drug Free World Americas Chapter; New York State Dental Society Chemical Dependency Committee; Pierre Fauchard Honoree, Fellow of the International College of Dentists

Dr. Bernard Fialkoff, DDS – Class valedictorian SUNY Stony Brook Dental School 1980; Alpha Omega and OKU Academic Awards; Pierre Fauchard Award; International College of Dentists Fellowship.

Periodontal and Dental Implant Specialty post-graduate certificate Memphis VA Hospital/ University of Tennessee Dental School; Private practice Bayside, New York, limited to dental implants, laser and periodontics since 1982; Founder Fialkoff Dental Study Club/ Implant Certainty Training Program.

President/ founding sponsor for Foundation for a Drug Free World – America’s Chapter; Drug education speaker at six United Nations events; NYSDA Chemical Dependency member; International Freedom medal winner for drug education in 2016; Rang opening NASDAQ bell for Drug Free World – America’s Chapter on September 15, 2017.

Founder and producer of A Time for Truth tv show.



Sandra S. Pimentel, PhD



Chief, Child, and Adolescent Psychology Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Sandra Pimentel, PhD, is Chief of Child and Adolescent Psychology, Associate Director of Psychology Training, and Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine at Montefiore Medical Center and the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She launched and is Director of the Anxiety and Mood Program (AMP), a specialty training program in the Child Outpatient Psychiatry Department, and co-Director of the Becoming an Emerging Adult at Montefiore (BEAM) Program.

From 2007 through 2015, Dr. Pimentel held the position of Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychology in the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the Columbia University Medical Center, where she served as Senior Psychologist and Associate Director of the Columbia University Clinic for Anxiety and Related Disorders. At CUCARD, Dr. Pimentel coordinated the externship and postdoctoral fellowship training programs, focused on the clinic's program development, and managed day-to-day operations of this specialty clinic for anxiety. Previously, she was a T32 Postdoctoral Training Fellow at New York State Psychiatric Institute (2004-2007) where she focused her research efforts on dissemination of evidence-based treatments.

Dr. Pimentel specializes in cognitive behavioral treatments (CBT) for children, adolescents, and young adults with anxiety, mood, and behavioral difficulties. She provides comprehensive assessments and consultations and individual, group, and family therapy.

She is committed to teaching, and advanced training, education, and mentorship are at the core of Dr. Pimentel's professional interests. Her research interests have focused on the dissemination of evidenced-based interventions for child and adolescent disorders and the evaluation of the most effective strategies for training and transporting treatments to school and community settings. Throughout each year, she delivers multiple professional training workshops on CBT for anxiety, depression, and disruptive behavior disorders in youth, as well as workshops for parents and community organizations. Dr. Pimentel served as a CBT consultant for community- and school-based clinicians throughout New York State and for the New York State Office of Mental Health's statewide clinician training initiative. She was named a New York State Office of Mental Health Policy Scholar.

Dr. Pimentel is actively involved in professional organizations, including the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, where she has served as the Coordinator of Convention and Education Issues, Chair of the Continuing Education Committee, Chair of the Public Education and Media Dissemination Committee, and Representative-at-Large. She is currently serving on the Board as Secretary-Treasurer. She also volunteers for community-based programs and is involved in multiple community engagement initiatives in the Bronx.



Fernando Taveras, MD



Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center

Dr. Fernando Taveras was born and raised on a farm in Estancia Nueva, Moca, in the Dominican Republic. He graduated medical school from Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo, oldest university in central and North America, trained in General Psychiatry at Lincoln Hospital, New York Medical college as well as Addiction Psychiatry at Bronx Lebanon Hospital, Albert Einstein School of Medicine.

Has served as faculty clinical psychiatrist in several major hospitals, such as St. John's Episcopal Hospital, Montefiore Hospital, and for the last 23 years at New York Presbyterian Hospital, where he maintains academic accreditation as Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry. He directs one of the largest private behavioral health practices in upper Manhattan and the only private OASAS certified addiction clinic in the community.

He is an executive director at Grupo Medico Dominicano, one of the largest group practices in Washington Heights. Dr. Taveras and his practices have an external affiliation to Corinthian Medical IPA and the SOMOS Community Care Organization.

His vast experience providing compassionate care in all different levels of Behavioral Health services, including the most intense Inpatient Psychiatric Unit, Mobile Crisis unit, Emergency Psychiatry, Day Treatment Care and correctional services. For the last decade he has full dedication to the outpatient community care providing full service in all aspects of care in the front line of the COVID-19 Pandemic, which qualifies him an expert voice in the behavioral health area and the topic of Stigma of Mental Illness.



George Hennawi, MD, CMD, FACP



Chair of Geriatrics, MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital and MedStar Union Memorial Hospital

George Hennawi, MD, is the Director of the department of Geriatrics at MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital. Dr. Hennawi completed his residency at MedStar Union Memorial Hospital in 2002 and then returned to work there from 2007 to 2012. In 2013, Dr. Hennawi was named a "Top Doc" in Baltimore Magazine for Geriatric Medicine. Dr. Hennawi has always had a passion and commitment for caring for the aging. He developed a unique model of care which he built into the Center for Successful Aging at MedStar Good Samaritan. The Center is a place where patients receive comprehensive care and all age-related issues can be addressed from medical conditions to balance and gait to social needs. His goal in caring for the patients is to improve their quality of life and empower patients to become an integral part of the direction and decision-making regarding their care.





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- Susan J. Beane, MD, FACP
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