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**ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2025**

**Yasmin Pedrogo, MD, FAAP, MSc MEdL
Acting Chancellor**

NEW MATTERS ATTENDED OR IN PROCESS

Meetings with MSC Student Council

Parking for students-PR Sciences Trust

The Faculty Parking Entrance area will have potholes repaired; a feasible date is pending depending on the availability of materials and suppliers.

INB Moving Logistics and Costs

Pending construction permits process for the repairment of Old Pharmacy Building.

Meetings with Arquitects Firm with Steering Committee and faculty of SOM about New Building.

Reconstruction of the ramp in the Guillermo Arbona Building will begin next semester to comply with the ADA Law and JIPS regulations.

Doors on the first and second floors will be replaced with sensor-activated doors.

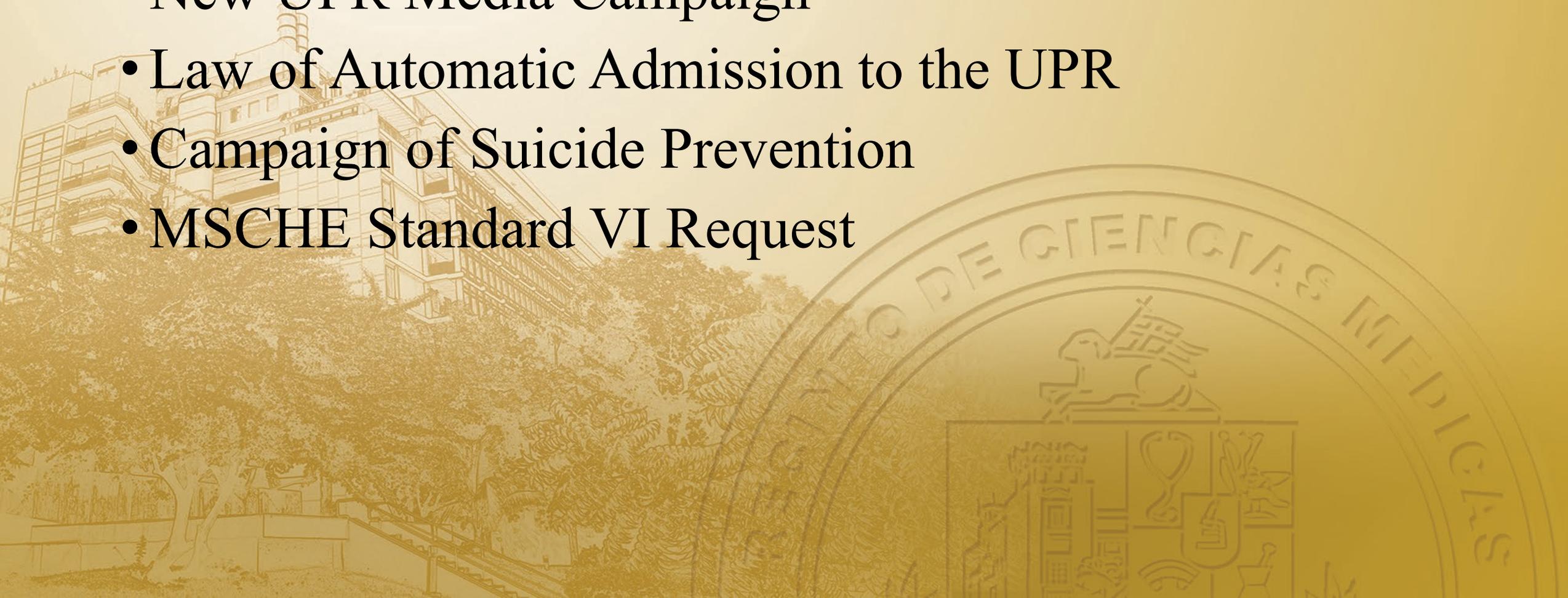
CHALLENGES AND NEXT STEPS

Challenges

- Pending MOU
- Insurance and Patent Offices
- Changes of Department of Federal Education about Students Aid: PLUS loans

Meeting with President and Chancellors

- New UPR Media Campaign
- Law of Automatic Admission to the UPR
- Campaign of Suicide Prevention
- MSCHE Standard VI Request





November 7, 2025- Visit to the General Hospital of Castañer



November 12, 2025- Signing of MOU between UPR Medical Sciences Campus and PR Science Trust



November 13, 2025- First P.R. Stroke Forum



November 14, 2025 -Christmas Tree Lighting



November 17, 2025 - The Alliance Announcement



Appointment of Dr. Lidia Guerrero as Dean of the School of Dental Medicine



First meeting of the steering committee that will work on the design of the new headquarters of the School of Medicine



November 18, 2025 - Christmas Festival

News: Deanship of Research

1. On 11/12/25 two workshops were offered to investigators entitled:

- Use and management of the VISA corporate debit card***
- Purchasing of supplies and equipment of federal funded research projects***

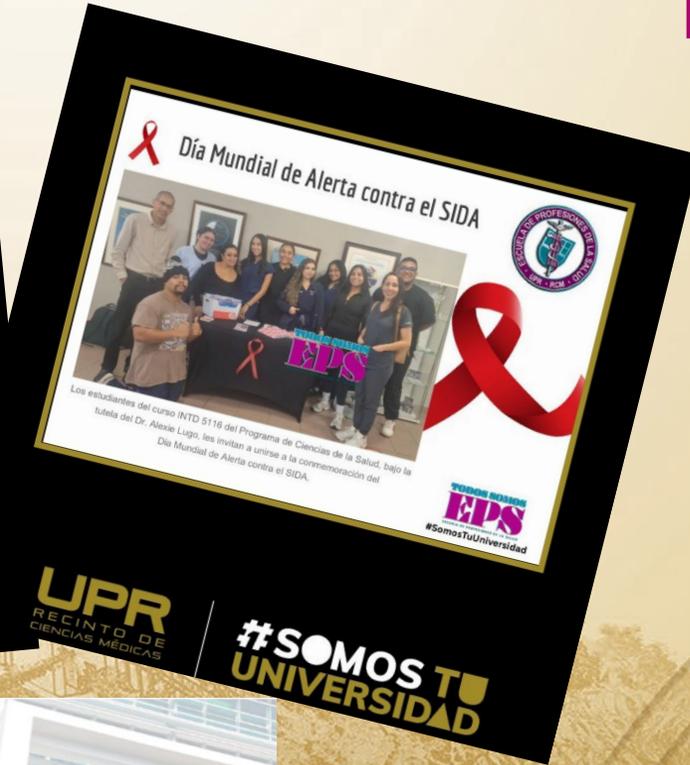
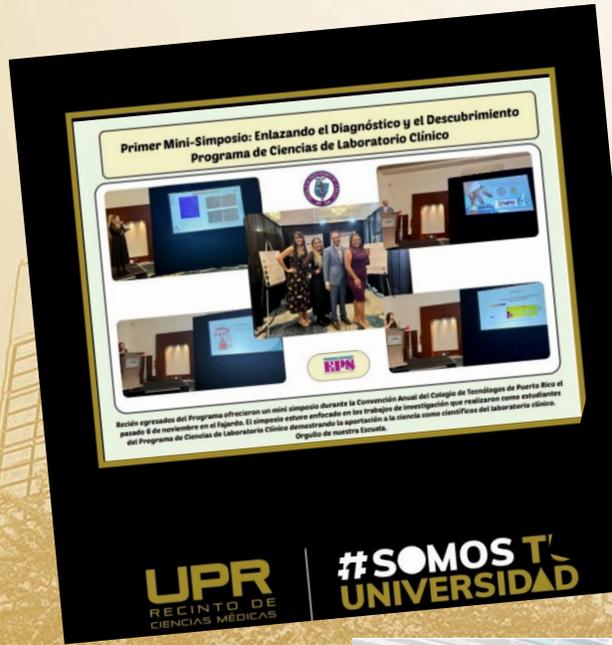
***The workshops were offered in room 545 A and by Teams
More than 30 persons attended the sessions***

***2. The first statements of the First Bank debit card arrived on
November 12, 2025.***

- Personnel from the Deanship immediately notified MSC researchers and their Administrators and made them available.***
- Many researchers have already submitted their invoices and payment.***



Todos somos EPS



Escuela de Profesiones de la Salud



EPS - Students and Philanthropy

First conversation about University Lounges, a new model for EPS- Student Council

First Mini-Symposium: Linking Diagnosis and Diagnosis Discovery – students and alumni Clinical Laboratory Science Program

The Nuclear Medicine Technology Program joins the 1st Edition of Prostate Cancer Awareness in Puerto Rico: Blue Hope 5K, organized by the Society of Refugees and Adolescents of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging of Puerto Rico.

Fourth Interprofessional Symposium on Physical Therapy: Management of the patient with diabetes on December 12, 2025



SCHOOL OF NURSING

Our School hosted the 4th Congress of Nursing Schools organized by Lifelink of Puerto Rico. It was held on November 6 at the Jaime Benítez amphitheater

Faculty of the School of Nursing and a Bachelor's student from the University of the Sacred Heart from the Title V translational research group carried out a Wellbeing Promotion activity in the Aerid of Rio Piedras on November 7, 2025

On November 22, 2025, students of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program and professors from all programs participated in the Assembly of the College of Nursing Professionals of Puerto Rico (CPEPR).



Graduate School of Public Health



Cycle of Training on Academic and Student Processes and Procedures:
Offered to coordinators and administrative staff of academic programs. Four sessions were offered, with 18 to 22 participants per session.

During the month of November, the Office of Student Affairs of the Graduate School of Public Health (EGSP) participated in recruitment initiatives at UPR-Humacao and UPR-Cayey.

Media Presence:

1. Dr. Yiselly Vázquez, column on *diabetes in Puerto Rico* in *El Nuevo Día*;
2. Environmental Health student Héctor Méndez Hernández, column on *heat and public health in Metro PR*;
3. Dr. Heriberto Marín, column on *viability of universal health insurance in Puerto Rico* in *El Nuevo Día*.

The School's Office of Student Affairs obtained a donation from Supermax supermarket to provide snacks for students in need.

In November, EGSP welcomed Dr. Marta Román, clinical psychologist, who began offering psychological services to our students. The activity "Stress Management during Exams" was also held for the student community.



SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO

Achievements' Report (November 2025)



- Academics:**
- **Dr. Eligio Ros Award** – CCDPR to *Dr. Augusto Elías Boneta* for his distinguished contributions and service to the dental profession.
 - **Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry (ABPD):** *Dr. Elías Pabón* (faculty member) & *Dr. Jafrayra Galván* (graduate).
 - **Recent faculty appointments:** *Arelis Crespo Rodríguez* (AEGD), *Ramón E. Torrado Calvo* (Pedodontics), *María T. Rodríguez* (Ortho/Pedo), *Mónica M. Rodríguez Monroig* (Dental Anesthesiologist)
 - *Nayra del C. Rodríguez-Soto, Frances Fuster, Polaris Gonzalez, Sona Rivas-Tumanyan, Maribel Campos, Carmen J. Buxó, Evangelia Morou-Bermudez, Karen G. Martinez-Gonzalez.* **Long-term negative mental health outcomes in mothers exposed to Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico during the pre- and perinatal periods.** *J of Traumatic Stress.* Nov. 2025;1. 2025. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jts.70025>
 - *Tito Molina, Mark W. Gonzalez, Haeseong Lee, Bonifacio Rivera Virella, Lidia M. Guerrero, Parish P Sedhizadeh, Nader Salib.* **Mandibular Osteomas: Report of Two Cases with Surgical Management.** *Clin Case Reports.* 2025 Nov 9; 13(11); e71437. [doi:10.1002/ccr3.71437](https://doi.org/10.1002/ccr3.71437).
 - **Active Participation in International Scientific Meetings:** 2025 Annual Symposium of the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA); 24th International Congress ALACIBU; 2025 Greater New York Dental Meeting.
 - **Council of Intersatate Testing Agencies (CITA):** SDM served as a testing site for 39 clinical board candidates
- Community:**
- **“Feria de Salud Toa Alta”** (Screening & Orientation): Dr. Alice Arroyo and the SDM Community Sectio
 - **“Fundación Niños que Ríen” Surgical Mission** for cleft lip and palate reconstruction surgeries, Moca, Dominican Republic : OMFS Program
 - The “Consortio del Maternal” and HRSA’s Child Bureau through the American Association of State Dental Directors chose SANUS as the entity to work on a **Head Start Preventive–Clinical Oral Health pilot project**, resulting in additional funding to run such project.
 - **Donation of 19 dental units (chairs) to the Dominican Republic** through a SDM initiative with the Dominican Republic Consulate
- Wellness:**
- **“RCM Festival Navideño”** active participation
 - **Thanksgiving Gatherings** with students, residents, faculty, and non-faculty members of our school community.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



Every Wednesday on the MS YouTube Channel, an interview with an MS graduate or faculty member plus ongoing activity in community teaching (BeHealth, Journal of Medicine and Medicine).

The School of Medicine was Recognized for its 75th Anniversary at the 4th Ceremony of the Puerto Rican Medicine Hall of Fame.

We continue to comply with Nevera Pantera with the collaboration of multiple public and private institutions that donate food.

The MD Program Students and Internal Medicine Residents were honored by the American College of Physicians, Puerto Rico Chapter as winners of the Trivia competition, in presentations of Clinical and Research Cases.

The School of Medicine participated in the AAMC's Learn Serve Lead Annual Convention of Medical Schools.

Collaboration between the UPR School of Law and the Department of Pediatrics: Workshop on the Right to Special Education: An interdisciplinary perspective, on December 10.



Christmas Tree Lighting and Holiday Luncheon

Te invitamos a nuestra
CLÍNICA DE SALUD
 Fecha: Sábado, 22 de noviembre de 2025
 Hora: 9:30 am - 2:00 pm
 Lugar: Borinquen Towers 3, San Juan

- SERVICIOS:**
- Vacunación (lleve su plan médico y ID)
 - Toma de signos vitales
 - Dental
 - Pruebas de laboratorio
 - Nutrición
 - Orientación farmacéutica (puedes traer tus medicamentos)
 - entre otros
- Tu salud es nuestra prioridad.
 ¡Te esperamos!

Requiere anotarse en la oficina administrativa de Borinquen Towers



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Mara Z. Carrasquillo
 Interim Deputy Director
 VA Caribbean Healthcare System

Graduated from the Doctor of Pharmacy Program at the University of Puerto Rico School of Pharmacy, completed PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at Miami VA Healthcare System and PGY-2 Critical Care Pharmacy Residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Participated in prestigious training programs, like Competency Development for Leaders in the 21st Century, the Health Core Leadership Development Program at the Miami VA Healthcare System and the Leadership for a Democratic Society Program at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Her capacity to lead in complex healthcare environments has allowed her to serve as Clinical Coordinator and Medication Safety Officer at Mount Sinai Medical Center, Chief of Pharmacy Services at Tampa VA Healthcare System and Interim Associate Director at Miami VA Healthcare System. Committed to education and mentoring, she is also Clinical Assistant Professor at Florida A&M, University of Florida, Palm Beach Atlantic University, University of Puerto Rico, and Nova Southeastern University.

Dr. Carrasquillo embodies core professional competencies that are at the center of our PharmD Program and serves as inspiration for current and future generations of pharmacist. We celebrate the accomplishments of our alumni, who set the standards of excellence in healthcare.

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE AND LIFELONG IMPACT

The UPR Chapter of the American Pharmacists Association vaccination Clinic



Transform the world through generosity.

GIVING TUESDAY Contribute to strengthen the academic and professional path for future pharmacists and researchers.

Giving Tuesday Campaign Kickoff



Dra. Mara Carrasquillo (PharmD, 2008), Interim Deputy Director VA Caribbean Healthcare System



DEANSHIP OF ADMINISTRATION

Office of Planning, Design and Construction

Completed Project: Bathrooms, 3rd Floor, Guillermo Arbona Building

Ongoing Project: Bathrooms, 2nd Floor and 6th Floor adjacent to the Amphitheater, Guillermo Arbona Building

Department of Complementary Services

The Institute of Puerto Rican Culture successfully approved five (5) Document Disposal Lists: three (3) corresponding to the Dean's Office of Administration and two (2) from different schools. In the coming months, the document shredding process will be completed, and we are awaiting several additional approvals to continue with the document disposition and management plan.

CASSO

The Standardized Procedure for Incident Reporting and Investigation was approved. We are now in the implementation phase: coordinating employee orientation.



Deanship of Academic Affairs

Today's Events
November 12th, 2025



CIM
Currículo Integral para Médicos en Internado
Educación médica que transforma

UPR Recinto Ciencias Medicas : Evento Educativo
Registration - Laguna Foyer
Meal Room - San Felipe & San Geronimo
Taller EKG - Laguna 1
Taller Musculoesqueletal - Laguna 2
Taller de Suturas y Entubacion - Bahía 1
Taller Schock | Paciente Pediatrico y Adulto - Bahía 2
Taller | Directores de Programas - San Cristobal

University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus

46th Annual Research and Education Forum

March 25-27, 2026

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Innovating Together
for Healthier Futures





Dean of Students Office Achievement Report - November 2025



Dean's Office and Administration Office

The Dean of Students Office, in collaboration with the Student Government Council, the Chancellor's Office, and the Dean of Academic Affairs and Administration offices coordinated the *2025 Christmas Festival* on Tuesday, November 18th, with approximately 300 participants. Our students—the Student Councils and Student Organizations—were the stars of the event, selling a variety of Christmas food and desserts. Furthermore, our students were able to promote their entrepreneurial skills as artisans at the event.



For the first time, the *RCM Flag Bearers* group was presented, made up of students from the six Schools of the Medical Sciences Campus, which will have its participation in the LAI.



Students Medical Services

Application to open a Vaccination Center with the Department of Health to administer rabies vaccinations.

CECSI

Workshop for students participating in the **REPMIC** Program at the Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Participation in the National Board for Certified Counselors in North Carolina as a translator for the national certification exams (NCE and NCMHCE).

Promotion and Recruitment

Two virtual conferences Mayagüez Campus Graduate Studies Fairs at UPR Bayamón and UPR Humacao, Fair at UPR Aguadilla, "Future Panthers Tours", Conference on Graduate Programs for students in the REMPI program at the Comprehensive Cancer Center, Individual orientations-279 participants



OSEI

Psychoeducational workshops for students.

Representation of OSEI-RCM in a meeting with the Ombudsman for Persons with Disabilities and other professionals to establish a work plan aimed at improving access to education and health services for the deaf community.

Come Pantera and Quality of Life

Mesón de Amor, Central Administration and the Quality of Life-RCM office, offered a Thanksgiving dinner to 64 students.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Meetings with the Directors of the undergraduate and graduate programs of the School of Health Professions as part of Dialogues with RCM Schools - Deanship of Students Initiative.

Admissions

Applications received as of December 1: 1,240 Applications reviewed: 744 Students admitted: 35 in the following programs:
Anesthesia (1), Pharmacy PhD (15), Pharmacy PhD (1), Medicine (18)

Dra. Edna E. Pacheco Acosta, Interim Dean of Students



Encuentro Coral DE NAVIDAD

diciembre

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5:00 p.m.

Anfiteatro Jaime Benítez Rexach

Coros participantes

Coro del Recinto de Ciencias Médicas

Los Parkinsoneros

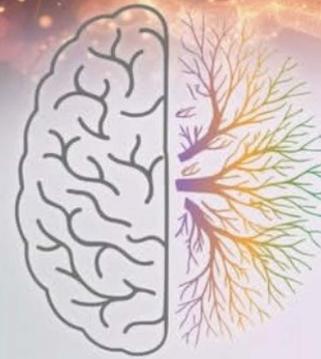
Amarilis Pagán Vila, directora

Cantoría UPR Arcibo

Joamel González Soto, director

Coro UPR en Carolina

Carlos E. Rivera Aponte, director



33rd PUERTO RICO NEUROSCIENCE 2025

DECEMBER 6, 2025 • JAIME BENÍTEZ REXACH AMPHITHEATER
MEDICAL SCIENCES CAMPUS UPR

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Claudia Lugo
Candelas, Ph.D
Columbia University



Victor Ambros, Ph.D.
UMASS
Chan Medical School
Nobel Prize Awardee



Robert Friedlander, MD, MA
University of Pittsburgh
School of Medicine



Dhananjay Bambah-
Mukk, Ph.D.
University of California,
San Diego

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UPR-MSC, Institute of Neurobiology, UPR-Rio Piedras, Universidad Central del Caribe,
Universidad Católica Ponce, Ponce Health Sciences University



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