



Puerto Rico Chapter

THE PUERTO RICO BOARD OF LICENSING AND MEDICAL DISCIPLINES REQUIREMENTS FOR PHYSICIAN'S RECERTIFICATION FOR 2025-2028 & 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025

PRE-COURSE: THE PUERTO RICO BOARD OF LICENSING AND MEDICAL DISCIPLINES REQUIREMENTS FOR PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE RECERTIFICATION FOR 2023-2025 – 7 CME

- 7:50 AM Welcome Remarks - Dr. Edwin Alicea, Governor
- 8:00 AM **Management of Arterial Hypertension in the Adult Patient** - Dr. Hilton Franqui Rivera
- 9:00 AM **Management of Diabetes Mellitus in Adult Patients** - Dr. Alex González
- 10:00 AM Break
- 10:30 AM **Gender Inequality; Preventing Discrimination Against LGBTIQ+ Patients** - Dr. Miguel Vázquez
- 12:30 PM Lunch
- 1:30 PM **Bioethics & Professionalism (part 1)** - Dr. Luis Lugo Vélez
- 3:00 PM Break
- 3:30 PM **Bioethics & Professionalism (part 2)** - Dr. Luis Lugo Vélez

2025 ANNUAL MEETING 12 CME CREDITS

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025

- 7:50 AM Welcome Remarks - Dr. Edwin Alicea, Governor

PULMONARY DISEASE AND SLEEP DISORDERS

- 8:00 AM **Lung Cancer Screening** - Dr. José Torres
- 8:30 AM **New Trends in Diagnosis and Management of Sleep Disorders** - Dr. Mark A. Vergara
- 9:00 AM **The Use of Novel Therapies in Difficult-to-Treat Asthma** - Dra. Yomayra Otero
- 9:30 AM **Panel Discussion – Q&A**
- 10:00 AM Break

ONCOLOGY

- 10:30 AM **CAR-T Cell Therapy: An Emerging Tool to Treat Solid Tumors** - Dr. Julian R. Molina
- 11:00 AM **Conjugated & Biospecific Antibodies in the Management of Lymphoma** - Dr. Fernando Cabanillas
- 11:30 AM **Early Detection & Screening of Cancer Via Biomarker Analysis** - Dr. Aadel A. Chaudhuri
- 12:00 PM **Panel Discussion – Q&A**
- 12:30 PM Lunch

MASTER CONFERENCE

- 1:30 PM **Master Conference: The Future in Inflammatory Bowel Disease** - Dr. Esther A. Torres
- 2:30 PM Break

CLINICAL PRACTICE

- 2:45 PM **Transitions of Care from Teenager Years to Adulthood** - Dr. José Gaudier
- 3:15 PM **Clinical Learning Environment** - Dr. Neel Shah
- 3:45 PM **Panel Discussion – Q & A**

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7:50 AM **Welcome Remarks** - Dr. Edwin Alicea, Governor

ENDOCRINOLOGY

- 8:00 AM **Hormone Replacement for Women (Cisgender): Clinical Application for Internist** - Dr. Ekta Kapoor
8:30 AM **Hormone Replacement for Men (Cisgender): Clinical Application for Internist** - Dr. Katherine Sherif
9:00 AM **Hormone Replacement for Trans Patients** - Dr. Renil Rodríguez
9:30 AM **Panel Discussion – Q & A**
10:00 AM **Break**

CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

- 10:30 AM **Updated Guidelines for the Evaluation and Management of Peripheral Arterial Disease**
Dr. Ana I. Casanegra
11:00 AM **Diuretic Resistance and Cardiorenal Syndrome in Heart Failure Patients** - Dr. Juan M. Aranda
11:30 AM **Use Antihyperglycemic Agents in the Management of Heart Failure** - Dr. Juan M. Aranda
12:00 PM **Panel Discussion – Q & A**
12:30 PM **Lunch & Awards Ceremony**

ADVANCES IN MEDICINE

- 2:00 PM **Recent Advances and New Perspectives in Interventional Pulmonology** - Dr. Luis Gerena
2:30 PM **Gene Editing and Manipulation Through the Use of Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats (CRISPR)** - Dr. Pablo Vivas
3:00 PM **Potential Benefits, Pitfalls, and Threats of Artificial Intelligence in Medicine** - Prof. Carlos Ortíz
3:30 PM **Panel Discussion – Q & A**
4:00 PM **Adjourn**