

Raul Vazquez, M.D. F.A.A.F.P.

President/CEO – G-Health Enterprises

Dr. Raul Vazquez is a primary care physician who opened Urban Family Practice on Buffalo's Lower West Side in 1996. In 2016, the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) announced that Urban Family Practice of Buffalo had received level three NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) accreditation. Level three is the highest degree of recognition available.

Recognizing the need for coordinated, person-centered care for Medicaid recipients with multiple chronic medical conditions, Dr. Vazquez formed the Greater Buffalo United Accountable Healthcare Network (GBUAHN). The New York State Department of Health approved the designation of GBUAHN as a provider-lead Medicaid health home in 2012.

As president of GBUAHN, Dr. Vazquez leads a team of dedicated professionals in the medical and business fields. He has set the strategy and direction for the fast-track growth of GBUAHN. Under his guidance, GBUAHN has grown to serve several thousand members and employs a staff of approximately 180 individuals. GBUAHN is one of the largest minority employers in Western New York.

Dr. Vazquez is the founder of the Greater Buffalo United Accountable Care Organization (GBUACO). In 2016, the New York State Department of Health authorized GBUACO to operate as a Medicaid accountable care organization (ACO). An ACO is a patient-centered care model that aims to raise patient care quality, reduce costs and streamline health care delivery. GBUACO is the first Medicaid ACO in New York State. GBUACO operates under a value-based payment system. Under a value-based payment system, practitioners in the ACO are incentivized for the quality, and not the quantity, of services rendered. GBUACO's doctors and health care providers have to meet clearly defined quality standards and metrics that focus on prevention and effectively managing patients with chronic diseases.

In June 2009, Dr. Vazquez was nominated by Governor David Paterson, and approved by the New York State Senate, to serve as a member of the New York State Medicaid Advisory Committee. In June 2012, Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Senate approved Dr. Vazquez to serve on the Minority Health Council.

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Dr. Vazquez has won more than 20 awards for his accomplishments in business, the medical field and advocacy groups. He has served boards for numerous organizations, including: Upstate New York Transplant Services, HEALTHeLINK and WNED-TV.

Dr. Vazquez received his undergraduate degree from Fordham University and received his medical degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo.



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EDUCATION

- Aug. 1985 – May 1989** **Doctor of Medicine**
State University of New York school of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
Buffalo, New York
- May 1990 - June 1992** **Family Medicine Residency Program**
Deaconess Hospital and Buffalo General Hospitals
Buffalo, New York
- Aug. 1981 – May 1985** **Bachelor of Science in Biology**
Fordham University
Bronx, New York
- 1992 - present** **Diplomate, Fellow and Board Certified**
with the American Board of Family Medicine
- 2010-present** **NCQA Physician Practice Connections Patient-Centered Med. Home**
Certificate of Recognition Level 3

EMPLOYMENT

- Jan. 2013 – present** **GBUAHN (Greater Buffalo United Accountable Healthcare Network)**
Federally designated Health Home
Main headquarters: 393 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York
President and CEO
- Aug. 2009 – present** **GBUACO (Greater Buffalo United Accountable Care Organization)**
Main headquarters: 564 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York
President and CEO
- Aug. 1996- present** **Urban Family Practice, P.C.**
564 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York
President and founder of a solo private practice, dedicated to serving
the needs of an urban underserved community.

**** Fluent in English and Spanish**



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June 1992 - present **State University of New York @ Buffalo, School of Medicine**
Main Street, Buffalo, New York
Assistant Clinical Professor

EMPLOYMENT (continued)

Feb. 2009 - Jan. 2013 **West Side Urgent Care P.L.L.C.**
564 Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York
President and Founder

Mar. 1994- Aug. 1996 **Sheehan Memorial Hospital**
Michigan Avenue, Buffalo, New York
Associate Director of Ambulatory
Services and Emergency Room Medicine

Aug. 1990- May 1995 **Buffalo Columbus Hospital**
Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York
Director of Emergency Services;
Ambulatory, Emergency Room, and Chemical
Dependency Unit Physician

Aug. 1992 – June 1993 **Niagara Family Health Center**
Niagara Street, Buffalo, New York
Clinical Physician

EXPERIENCE

2011- present **New York State Regional Development Council for WNY**
Appointed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo

2010- present **NYS Medical Advisory Committee**
Nominated by Gov. David A. Paterson/ Approved by NYS Senate

2008- present **Forest Pharmaceuticals**
Speaker on Bystolic use in Hypertension

2008- present **Roche Pharmaceuticals (Medical Device Company)**
Speaker on Accu-chek Spirit Insulin Pump

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2007- present **AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals**
Speaker on Nexium use in Dyspepsia
Speaker on Symbicort use in Asthma

EXPERIENCE (continued)

2007- present **Daiichi Sanko Pharmaceuticals**
Speaker on Azor use in Hypertension

2007- present **Novartis Pharmaceuticals**
Speaker on Exforge use in Hypertension

2007- present **Novartis Pharmaceuticals**
Speaker on Tekturna use in Hypertension

2005- present **Sanofi-aventis Pharmaceuticals**
Speaker on Ambien use in Insomnia

2005- present **Sankyo Pharmaceuticals**
Speaker on Benicar use in Hypertension

1999- present **Searle/Pfizer Pharmaceuticals**

2008 **Novartis Pharmaceuticals**
Speaker on Exelon use in Dementia

2008- 2012 **Pfizer Pharmaceuticals**
Speaker on Chantix use in Smoking Cessation

2007-2011 **Pfizer Pharmaceuticals**
Speaker on Lyrica use in Fibromyalgia and Diabetic Neuropathy

2007- 2008 **St Jude Medical (Medical Device Company)**
Speaker "Heart Beat 07, 08"
A Guide to the Etiology, Pathophysiology, Diagnosis, and Treatment of Heart Failure

2002-2007 **Takeda Pharmaceuticals**
Speaker on Actos/Actometformin use in Diabetes

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2005-2006 **Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals**
Speaker on Ketek use in URI

EXPERIENCE (continued)

2005-2007 **Novartis Pharmaceuticals**
Speaker on Lotrel use in Hypertension

2004-2007 **Pfizer Pharmaceuticals**
Speaker on Relpax use in Migraine

2004-2007 **Pfizer Pharmaceuticals**
Speaker on Zoloft use in Depression

2005-2007 **Janssen Pharmaceuticals**
Speaker on Aciphex use in GERD

2003-2005 **Pfizer Pharmaceuticals**
Speaker on Zithromax use in URI

2001-2005 **Eli Lilly and Company Pharmaceuticals**
Speaker on Zyprexa use in Schizophrenia, Manic Depression, Refractory Depression

2001-2005 **TAP Pharmacy Pharmaceuticals**
Speaker on Prevacid use in GERD

2000-2005 **Merck Pharmaceuticals**
Speaker on Singulair use in Asthma

1998 **Phase III Trial, Parke-Davis**
Target (Lipitor effectiveness in hypercholesterol)

1999 **Phase III Trial, Parke-Davis**
Reach (Rezulin effectiveness in Type II Diabetes)



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1999 **GlaxoWellcome Pharmaceuticals**
Speaker Relenza treatment for Influenza

HONORS/ AWARDS

2010-present **NCQA Physician Practice Connections Patient-Centered Medical Home**
Certificate of Recognition Level 3

2015 **Business First's Health Care Champions Awardee**

2014 **United Cultural Society**
Outstanding Leader Award

2014 **45th Annual Grease Pole Festival**
Appreciation Award

2012 **University at Buffalo the State University of New York PODER**
Keynote Speaker

2009 **University at Buffalo the State University of New York Department of Family**
Medicine Certificate of Appreciation

2009 **Hispanic Health and Safety Fair** Appreciation Award

2009 **City of Buffalo Community Service Award**

2008 **New York State Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators, Inc.**
Health Award

2006 **4th Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Award**

2004 **New York State Assembly Cert. of Merit Small Business Award**

2004 **M&T Bank Small Business of the year Medical Sector**

2003 **Hispanic Women's League Community Service Award**



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- 2003 **Hispanic United of Buffalo Hispanic Heritage Award**
- 2003 **Grassroots Inc. Cora P. Mahoney Award**
- 1999 **Los Tainos Outstanding Community Service Award**

HONORS/ AWARDS (continued)

- 1999 **National Hispanic Heritage Achievement Award**
- 1998 **University at Buffalo, School of Medicine
Family Medicine Department Teaching Award**
- 1997 **Hispanic Conference of Western New York Health Award**
- 1992-1999 **Loan Forgiveness Award Program**
- 1992 **TFM Resident Teacher Award**
- 1986-1989 **Regents Scholarship**

PUBLICATIONS & ARTICLES

- 2014 **“GBUAHN is one of WNY’s Most Admired Companies.” Buffalo Business First**
- 2008 **“Less Paper, More Practice.” Winter 2008 Volume 42 Buffalo Physician**
- 2006 **“Hooked Up, Plugged In.” May 5, 2006 Medical Economics**
- 2004 **“Awareness of Hypertension and Diabetes in the Hispanic Community.” Clinical Cornerstone Vol.6, No. 3**
- 2004 **“All-Inclusive Computerized Office Does It All.” Buffalo Business First**
- 2004 **“Shuttle service a hit for N.Y. Family Doctor.” American Medical News**

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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

WNY Health Information Technology Physician Advisory Group

Board member of HEALTHeLINK

US Labor Department's OSHA Alliances Enhance safety and health for variety of workers
in western New York

Former board member of the Upstate New York Transplant Services

Former board member of Promesa Systems

Former board member of the Board of Trustees of WNED

Former board member of Hispanics United of Buffalo

Former board member of the Buffalo Economic Renaissance Corporation

Former board member of Community Blue Medical Management

Former President of the Latino Business Owners Association

Former board member of Los Tainos

Sheehan Memorial Hospital

Executive Board chairman, president, vice-president, treasury, and secretary

State University of New York at Buffalo

Student government polity president



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