



Welcome

from The Program Director

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Dear Applicant,

At the VA Caribbean Healthcare System IM Training Program, we are proud to say that we are the first ACGME accredited IM program in our Island and that we have maintained continued accreditation since June 29, 1956. Overall these years we have greatly contributed to the health in our country and around 50% of the all the internists and Internal Medicine subspecialists that provide care to our population are graduates from our institution. In addition, many are not only part of the care of our people locally but are important educators and have scholar appointments in many prestigious academic centers in the United States and around the world. For the last 5 years our graduates have had a passing rate of over 95% in the ABIM board exams and 100% of passing rate for the last 3 years. Over 90% of our IM graduates continue their training to other subspecialties and are influent physicians in our communities.

We, at the VA Caribbean Health Care system, have close partnership with the 4 major schools of medicine in the island as well as with several health care institutions providing our trainees the opportunity to interact with a tremendous diversity of pathology as well as exposure to the latest advances in technology. Our main institution, the San Juan VA Hospital, counts with the latest technology currently available to practice medicine. Our Faculty is

diverse and is comprised of well recognized leaders both locally and internationally because of their research and their commitment to the education and development of future leaders.

We believe that, by balancing the tremendous clinical care, the technology available, and the complexity and diversity of our patients, we can provide residents with the best opportunity to become complete, well rounded internists, and physicians that will be able to impact the community they serve in a very positive way. We are not only the best training option in Puerto Rico, but our graduates have demonstrated that they are among the best trained internist in our country. The compromise of our faculty and my personal commitment to each trainee in our program is that day to day we will embark in the process of continued development, education, and learning, and that we will continue to grow together. At the end of their training, they will be ready to accept the challenges of our ever-changing health care system and will be instruments of change and development for the people they will serve.