Family Medicine Residency Faculty

- José Picó, M.D.
  - Residency Director

- Kassandra Bosire, M.D.
  - Assistant Residency Director

- Heidi Allespach, Ph.D.
  - Behavioral Medicine Director

- Michel Dodard, M.D.
  - Community Health Director

- Marie Denise Gervais, M.D.
  - Pre-Doctoral Director

- Behnam Djahed, M.D.
  - Family Medicine Inpatient Director

- Janet Konefal, Ph.D.
  - Integrative & Complementary Academic Medicine Advisor

- Luis Ramos Goñez, M.D.
  - Family Medicine Faculty

- Marilia Nery, M.D.
  - Assistant Pre-Doctoral Director

- Robert Schwartz, M.D.
  - Department Chair

- Penny Tenzer, M.D.
  - Vice Chair Medical Education

- Antonio Suarez, M.D.
  - Family Medicine Faculty

- Ernesto Sanz Martinez, M.D.
  - Voluntary Assistant Professor
3rd Year Residents

Mary Beth Black, MD
Hometown: Knoxville, TN/New Orleans, LA
Medical School: Louisiana State University
Interests: Swimming, canoeing, hiking, meditation, yoga
Rhythm and Blues music, classical piano

Paola Cintron Villa, MD
Hometown: Mayaguez, PR
Medical School: San Juan Bautista
Interests: Traveling, going to the beach, exercising, spending time with family and friends

Tatiana Giraldo-Vivas, MD
Hometown: Cali, Colombia
Medical School: Universidad del Valle- Escuela de Medicina
Interests: Running, cooking, and baking

Sameilia M. Hernaiz Gomez, MD
Chief Resident
Hometown: San Juan, PR
Medical School: Universidad Central del Caribe
Interests: Community service, teaching, movies, reading, baking, salsa dancing

Alicia Kepich, MD
Hometown: Rochester, NY
Medical School: Virginia Commonwealth University
Interests: Latin/ballroom dancing, cooking, and integrative medicine

Ashley M. Rojas, MD
Chief Resident
Hometown: Miami, FL
Medical School: FIU Herbert Wertheim
Interests: Travel, poetry, history, art, cooking, yoga

Marianne Turner, MD
Hometown: Venice, FL
Medical School: Florida State University
Interests: Cooking, running, painting, ceramics, and gardening

Tiffanie Wong, DO
Hometown: Atlantis, FL
Medical School: Nova Southeastern University
Interests: Photography, piano
2nd Year Residents

Linda Alvarez, MD
Hometown: Pomona, NY
Medical School: New York Medical College
Interests: Yoga, live music, cooking, Footbag, spending time with her two puppies

Maykel Desir, MD
Hometown: Poughkeepsie, NY
Medical School: Ohio State University
Interests: Playing football, basketball, piano, saxophone

Edangel Garcia Chirino, MD
Hometown: Havana City, Cuba
Medical School: Universidad de Ciencias Médicas de la Habana
Interests: Going to the gym, spending time with friends and family, karaoke, swimming, playing basketball, reading, watching TV

Lori Marcu, MD
Hometown: Hallandale, FL
Medical School: FIU Herbert Wertheim
Interests: Traveling, foreign cuisine, outdoor activities, weight training, movies, music, spending time with family and friends

Sergio Ramoa, MD
Hometown: Richmond, VA
Medical School: Virginia Commonwealth University
Interests: Hiking, traveling, eating, exploring, reading, photography, bow ties

Kristen Smith, MD
Hometown: Miami, FL
Medical School: Meharry Medical College
Interests: Reading, spending time with friends and family, watching live musical performances and stage plays, dancing, going to the movies, trying local restaurants

Alexander Su, MD
Hometown: Old Tappan, NJ
Medical School: University of Miami
Interests: Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, fishing, tennis, kayaking, camping, cooking, fitness and nutrition

Meredith Turner, MD
Hometown: Nassau, Bahamas
Medical School: Jefferson Medical College
Interests: Painting, running, the beach, travel
1st Year Residents

**Natalia Cobos, MD**
Hometown: San Juan, PR  
Medical School: Universidad Central del Caribe  
Interests: Public health, preventive medicine, global health, nutrition, reading, traveling

**Makda Majette, MD**
Hometown: Raleigh, NC  
Medical School: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Interests: Swimming and water aerobics, traveling and learning about the people, traditions, and foods of different cultures

**Francheska Desravines, MD**
Hometown: Miami, FL  
Medical School: Meharry Medical School  
Interests: Reading, volunteering, traveling, cooking

**Bryan Pardo, MD**
Hometown: Miami, FL  
Medical School: Boston University  
Interests: Fish and coral keeping, ancient history, hiking, skiing, boating, video games, movies

**Adriana Emmanuelli, MD**
Hometown: San Juan, PR  
Medical School: Universidad Central del Caribe  
Interests: Running, learning about art and architecture, traveling

**Kristopher Paultre, MD**
Hometown: Pembroke Pines, FL  
Medical School: University of Florida  
Interests: Weight lifting, rock climbing gyms, basketball, reading science fiction novels, traveling

**Ingrid Gutierrez, MD**
Hometown: Palmira, Colombia  
Medical School: New York Medical College  
Interests: Yoga, meditation, running 5ks and 10ks, dancing (merengue, salsa and bachata), biking, swimming.

**Makandall Saint Eloi, MD**
Hometown: Dania Beach, FL  
Medical School: Florida State University  
Interests: Recreational basketball and football, cooking, art exhibits, theme parks, creating workout programs, volunteering, traveling, learning how to play a musical instrument