

# El PODER sanador de nuestra identidad The Healing POWER of our Identity

5TH LATINO HEALTH SYMPOSIUM  
OCTOBER 8TH & 9TH, 2021

## OUTCOMES REPORT

The Latino Health Symposium (LHS) is the annual academic conference of the Medical Organization for Latino Advancement, a 501c3 non-profit professional organization with the mission to achieve career advancement, linguistic and cultural competency, personal wellness, and health equity for the good of the entire Hispanic/Latino community. The 2021 LHS was designated for a maximum of 6.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ by the Chicago Medical Society, accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education.

### CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES:



Understand key issues in Latinx health and health inequities



Identify evidence-based strategies to address gaps in Latinx health



Describe Latinx identity in academia and propose strategies for career advancement



Propose diversity, equity, and inclusion strategies in health policy and education

### TRACKS.

- Latinx Gender, Sexual, and LGBTQ+ Identities
- Infectious Diseases – Focus: Covid-19
- Structural Barriers for Latinx Communities – Focus: Medical Spanish
- Chronic Diseases and Cancer

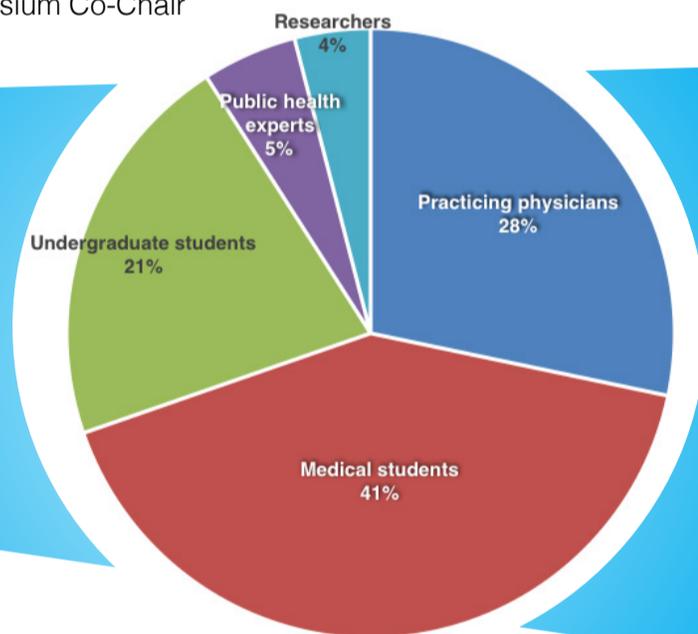
### SYMPOSIUM SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

- **Pilar Ortega, MD** – Education & Research Committee and Symposium Co-Chair
- **Arielle Guzmán, MPH** – Education & Research Committee and Symposium Co-Chair
- **María Alejandra Cañas** – MOLA Intern
- **Rafael Ramos, MS** – Medical Student Symposium Co-Chair

### PARTICIPANTS

- 215 Registered attendees
- 32 Volunteers & moderators

Figure 1.  
MOLA 2021 LHS Attendees  
(n=215)



### PRESENTERS

#### 8 Expert speakers



**Laura Castillo-Page, PhD**, Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer at the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine



**Tiffany M. Shin, MD**, Pediatrician and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Wake Forest School of Medicine



**Mario Treto, Jr., JD**, Acting Secretary of the Illinois Department of financial and Professional Regulation



**Nestor Sosa, MD**, Professor and Chief of the Infectious Diseases Division at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine



**John Paul Sánchez, MD, MPH**, Executive Associate Vice Chancellor, Health Sciences Center, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, University of New Mexico



**Paulina Sosa, MPH, DrPH(c)**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Latinx Voces



**Ricardo Correa, MD, EdD**, Associate Professor of Medicine; Program Director for Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism Fellowship; Director for Diversity in Graduate Medical Education at the University of Arizona College of Medicine



*"Diversity to me is more than ethnicity, it encompasses our lived experiences as well. The details of our lives matter."*

**Mario Treto, Jr., JD, Plenary Speaker**



**Latonya Riddle-Jones, MD, MPH**, Assistant Professor at Wayne State University; Medical Director for the Corktown Health Center

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## 7 Oral presenters

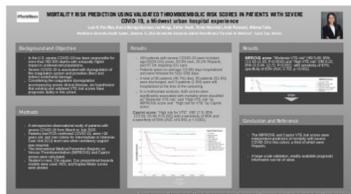
26 Poster presentations featured on our online poster gallery, representing scholarly work in the following categories:

- Education (9)
- Public health (9)
- Clinical, basic, or translational research (4)
- Systematic review (2)
- Case report (2)

## Online Poster Gallery



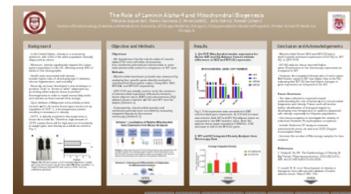
Gamero, Yesenia  
University of Wisconsin - Madison



Barriga Guzman, Rocio  
NorthShore University Health System, Evanston,



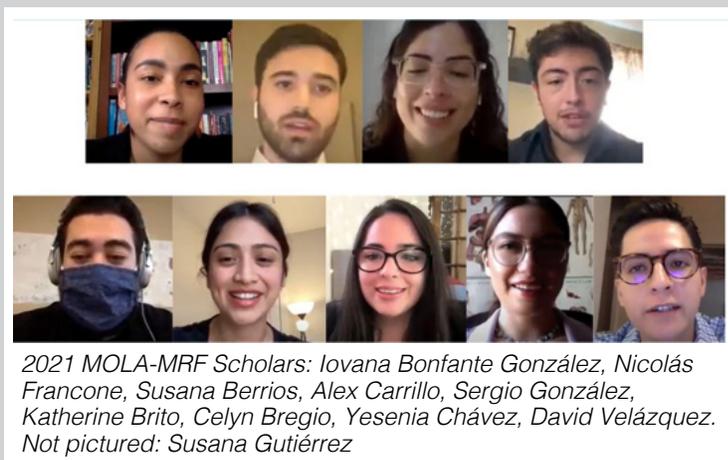
Haydon, Alicia Marie Lozada  
Department of Radiation and Cellular Oncology,



Izquierdo, Melanie  
Loyola University Chicago, University of Chicago

## MOLA-MRF Scholars

The 2021 Symposium represented the culmination in the scholarly work of 10 Scholars proudly guided by MOLA's research mentors and financially supported by the Michael Reese Research and Education Foundation (MRF).



2021 MOLA-MRF Scholars: Iovana Bonfante González, Nicolás Francone, Susana Berrios, Alex Carrillo, Sergio González, Katherine Brito, Celyn Bregio, Yesenia Chávez, David Velázquez. Not pictured: Susana Gutiérrez

## AWARDS

### Poster Awards

- **1st Place:** Julia Farfán, Syeda Akila Ally, and María Gabriela Valle Coto (2020 MOLA-MRF Scholar): **Teaching Medical Students to Work Effectively with Interpreters: A Strategy to Improve Linguistic Minority Health**
- **2nd Place:** Nicolás Francone (2021 MOLA-MRF Scholar): **Effectiveness of a Medical Spanish Genitourinary Module**

### Oral Presentation Awards

- **1st Place:** Celyn Bregio (2021 MOLA-MRF Scholar): **The Impact of Language Concordance Between Physicians and Patients with Limited English Proficiency in Cancer Care**
- **2nd Place:** Susana Berrios (2021 MOLA-MRF Scholar): **Latino Male Infertility: Management and Referral Practices at Federally Qualified Health Centers**

### INAUGURAL PILAR ORTEGA MD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

Sergio González (2021 MOLA-MRF Scholar)

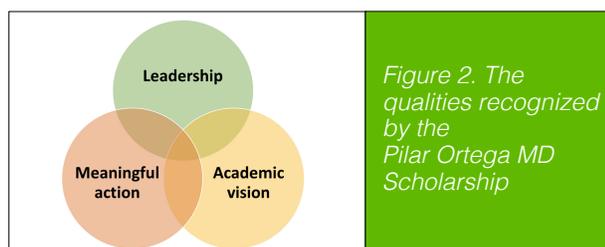


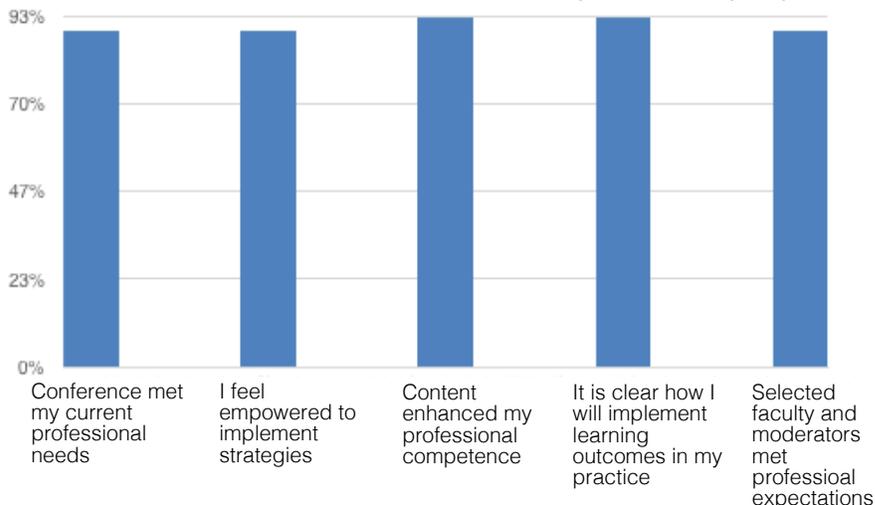
Figure 2. The qualities recognized by the Pilar Ortega MD Scholarship

### WHAT ATTENDEES ARE SAYING

Post-conference survey results indicated an overwhelming appreciation for the symposium content, speaker professionalism and expertise, and impact on health professional practice.

“What I loved the most about the Symposium was the warmth and interactivity among the presenters, attendees, and the wonderful spirit among all the volunteers!”  
– Attendee

Figure 3. Post-conference survey results (n=57) showing percentage of respondents who agreed or strongly agreed



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