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Designated Secretary, Puerto Rico Department of Health

Doctor Francisco M. Joglar earned his medical degree at the University of Puerto Rico (UPR) School of Medicine, where he also completed a residency in Internal Medicine and a fellowship in Nephrology. He is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in both internal medicine and nephrology. For 27 years he served as professor and practicing physician at the UPR School of Medicine, mentoring medical students and residents, and providing care for adult patients with renal disease.

For his professional accomplishments as professor and clinician, he was appointed Dean of the UPR School of Medicine with the full backing of the faculty. Under his leadership as dean, the School attained national recognition and full accreditation by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME). Additionally, he directed the efforts to further develop the infrastructure and academic excellence of the 33 medical residency and fellowship programs under the UPR School of Medicine; providing our communities with outstanding medical professionals responsive to the medical, social and cultural needs of the population.

As a scholar-administrator, he managed significant changes and was instrumental in restructuring the Intramural Faculty Practice Plan of the UPR School of Medicine. The latter project expanded faculty opportunities to deliver quality care services at a reasonable cost, and increased population access to needed services.

Doctor Joglar was Governor of the Puerto Rico Chapter of the American College of Physicians, the leading national and international organization of internal medicine physicians. He also achieved the rank of "Master" of the American College of Physicians which is the highest rank granted by the organization.

Upon completing his tenure as Dean of the UPR School of Medicine, he was appointed Senior Vice-President and Executive Medical Director of Triple S, Inc., a health insurance company in Puerto Rico. During his 6-year term at Triple S, he launched many initiatives such as an incentive program to improve the quality of services provided by primary care physicians and hospitals. At Triple S, he also had the opportunity to reinforce his knowledge on health economics, insurance plans and benefits.

As Secretary of Health, he brings to the Puerto Rico Department of Health a wealth of professional experience in the medical field, plus a personal commitment to improve population health through health promotion, prevention, and a patient centered vision of providing integrated care across all practice environments.