

**Ana del Carmen Rius Armendariz, MD**  
**Secretary of Health**  
**Commonwealth of Puerto Rico**



Dr. Ana Rius Armendariz was nominated by the Governor of Puerto Rico and confirmed by the Senate as Secretary of the Puerto Rico Department of Health (PRDoH) in November 11, 2013. Dr. Rius has broad experience in Public Service having served in multiple roles within Puerto Rico's HealthCare sector.

Dr. Rius is a practicing Anesthesiologist and has been a Professor of Anesthesiology for the School of Medicine of the University of Puerto Rico for the past 28 years.

Prior to her appointment as Secretary, Dr. Rius was appointed in January 2013 as Executive Director of the Puerto Rico Medical Services Administration (ASEM) and previously served in that role from November 2002 until February 2009.

She brings to bear many years of practical, academic and public health experience to contribute to the development, enhancement and improvement of Puerto Rico's healthcare and service delivery. She has served on many public health boards and has played key roles leading efforts geared towards improving the quality of life of all within our community.

Under Secretary Rius' leadership, PRDoH is committed to maintain a strong focus on individual and community efforts for Prevention; strong and effective health Promotion, development of policies and enforcement of health care Protection; practice with groups and communities Population based medicine and assure the Commonwealth is constantly focused on its Preparedness for bioterrorism, natural disasters and pandemics that may affect Puerto Rico.