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Dr. Amelie G. Ramirez

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Research**

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Amelie G. Ramirez, Dr.P.H., an internationally recognized researcher and spokesperson on Latino cancer health disparities, has made tremendous strides in research and innovative communication strategies to improve the health of Latinos in Texas and the nation.

Dr. Ramirez, currently the founding director of the Institute for Health Promotion Research (<http://ihpr.uthscsa.edu>) at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, has led dozens of research programs focused on human and organizational communication to reduce disparities—differences in cancer rates and survival among Latinos compared to whites. Dr. Ramirez has launched two national research networks, one funded by the National Cancer Institute focused on Latino cancer (*Redes En Acción*, www.redesenaccion.org) and one funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation focused on Latino child obesity (*Salud America!*, www.salud-america.org). These networks and her several other research projects have spawned unique health communication models and interventions that have contributed to reducing Latino cancer rates and increasing Latino screening, clinical trial recruitment and retention, smoking cessation and healthy lifestyles. She also has helped pioneer the use of bilingual, bicultural patient navigators and *promotoras* to erase Latinas' lag times between an abnormal cancer screening and confirmatory diagnosis and treatment initiation, while also increasing Latina survivors' access to support services.

Dr. Ramirez also has directly inspired other Latinos to launch research careers by training or mentoring more than 200 Latino students and fellows. She has made countless contributions to the scientific literature and serves on several journal editorial boards. Dr. Ramirez has received many awards for her work to reduce cancer disparities, including 2007 election to the Institute of Medicine. She is a member of: the Scientific Advisory Board, Susan G. Komen for the Cure; Scientific Advisory Board, Avon Foundation Breast Cancer Crusade; and Board of Directors, Lance

Armstrong Foundation. She is associate director of cancer health disparities at the Cancer Therapy and Research Center (www.ctrc.net), an NCI-designated Cancer Center in San Antonio, and also is the former chairperson of the CDC's Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection and Control Advisory Committee. Dr. Ramirez received M.P.H. and Dr.P.H. degrees from The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Public Health.

EDUCATION:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Institution/Location</u>
1992	Dr.P.H.	Health Promotion	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Houston, TX
1977	M.P.H.	Health Services Administration	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Houston, TX
1973	B.S.	Psychology	University of Houston, Houston, TX

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS: (Partial Listing)

09/2008 - 08/2009	Adjunct Professor and Adjunct Professor of Public Health in San Antonio Regional Campus	UT School of Public Health at Houston, Houston, TX
10/2006 - Present	Dielmann Chair in Health Disparities Research and Community Outreach	UT Health Science Center at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX
10/2006 - Present	Director and Max and Minnie Tomerlin Voelcker Endowed Chair in Cancer Healthcare Disparities and Outreach	The Cancer Center at UT Health Center at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX
10/2006 - Present	Professor, Epidemiology and Biostatistics	UT Health Science Center at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX
10/2006 - Present	Co-Associate Director, Cancer Prevention and Populations Sciences Program	The Cancer Center at UT Health Science Center at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX
10/2006 - Present	Director, Institute for Health Promotion Research	UT Health Science Center at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

PUBLICATIONS: (94 Publications, 8 Abstracts, 9 Book Chapters, 1 Book/Monograph, 2 electronic/Web Publications, 9 recent submitted manuscripts under review. The following is a partial list of publications.)

Ramirez AG, Wildes KA, Miller A, San Miguel de Majors SL, Otto PM. The Satisfaction of Latina Breast Cancer Survivors with their Doctors and Health-Related Quality of Life Journal of Women's Health 2011 Aug; 20(7): 1065-1074.

Lopez-Class M, Castro FG, Ramirez AG. Conceptions of acculturation: a review and statement of critical issues Social Science and Medicine 2011 Apr.

Ramirez AG, Chalela P, Gallion K, Green LW, Ottoson J. Salud America! National Latino Childhood Obesity Research Agenda Health Education & Behavior 2011 Jan.

Ramirez AG, Turner BJ. The Role of Peer Patients in Chronic Disease Management Annals of Internal Medicine 2010 Oct; 153(8): 544-545.

Flynn BS, Worden JK, Bunn JY, Soloon LJ, Ashikaga T, Connolly SW, Ramirez AG. Mass media interventions to reduce youth smoking prevalence American Journal of Preventive Medicine 2010; 39(1): 53-62.