



## Florida Health Grand Rounds

Presenter Bio

### **It takes a village: Addressing COVID-19 in underserved populations**

The seminar will focus on strategies aimed at increasing COVID-19 awareness and addressing misinformation and mistrust among underserved populations. Also, the importance of ensuring adequate representation of diverse racial and ethnic populations in COVID research including COVID vaccine trials.

October 13, 2020 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
Presented by Olveen Carrasquillo, MD, MPH



Dr. Carrasquillo is a Professor of Medicine and Public Health Sciences at the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine. He is a Puerto Rican born physician who was raised in the Bronx. He graduated summa cum laude from the Sophie Davis School of Bio-Medical Education at City College and obtained his MD degree from the New York University School of Medicine. He completed a three-year internal medicine residency at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, Harvard's two-year General Medicine Fellowship and an MPH from the Harvard School of Public Health. For eight years, he was Director of the Center of Excellence in Health Disparities Research at Columbia University.

For the last ten years Dr. Carrasquillo has been the Chief of the Division of General Internal Medicine. He oversees a clinical, teaching and research enterprise of 51 full time faculty including six primary

care practices and an additional ambulatory hospital-based clinic at Jackson Health System (Miami Public Hospital system). Dr. Carrasquillo is a national expert in minority health, health disparities, community based participatory research, access to care and community health worker interventions. He has over twenty years of experience leading large NIH Center grants and randomized trials, totaling over \$60 million in funding. His work includes research in diabetes, cardio-vascular disease, HIV, cancer and most recently in precision medicine. His research has been published in many of the nation's top medical journals and he serves on numerous NIH grant review committees. He is also active in various national organizations, including numerous current and past leadership roles in the Society of General Internal Medicine, Physicians for a National Health Program, National Hispanic Medical Association and Latinos for Health Equity. In Miami, he is a Board Member of the Miami-Dade Area Health Education Center and the South Florida Health Council. He is often called upon by the media to discuss his research as well as health care topics of particular relevance to the Hispanic community including being a frequent guest on most of the major Latino television networks.

At present he leads various COVID projects including the NIH sponsored Florida Community-Engaged Research Alliance Against COVID-19 in Disproportionately Affected Communities (FL-CEAL), site PI of one of the COVID vaccine studies, and a PCORI funded initiative to train Community Health Workers in COVID research.