

Susana R. Morales, MD

Dr. Morales was born and raised in New York City. She attended public schools and then Harvard University where she received her A.B. degree in Biology. She obtained her medical degree from the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, and did her residency training in Internal Medicine at the Presbyterian Hospital of the City of New York. She joined the faculty of the Division of General Medicine at the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in 1989, and served as an Assistant Division Director for Education and Training. She joined the Cornell/New York Presbyterian Hospital faculty in 1998 and is now Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, and an Associate Director of the Housestaff Training Program in Internal Medicine. In 2016, she was appointed Vice Chair for Diversity for the Department of Medicine at Weill-Cornell. She teaches both primary care and inpatient medicine. She has special interests in psychosocial aspects of medicine, physician wellness and support, diversity in the health care workforce, access to care, immigrant health and health disparities. In 2017, she served on the New York Presbyterian Hospital Disaster Medical Response Team in Puerto Rico. In 2018, she became the principal investigator and director of the Weill Cornell Diversity Center of Excellence, after obtaining a \$2.7 million over four years Centers of Excellence grant from the Health Resources Services Administration of the US Department of Health and Human Services. She also has an active clinical practice.

Dr. Morales served as a member of the governing Council of the Society of General Internal Medicine (SGIM) from 2000-2003, and served as a member of the Advisory Boards of the Commonwealth Fund's "Bettering the Health of Minority Americans" program and of the National Hispanic Medical Association. In the past, she served on the Boards of Directors of Body Positive, an AIDS service organization, Public Health Solutions, and the Women's Housing and Economic Development Corporation, and as an advisor to the Open Society Institute's program on Medicine as a Profession. She is a board member of the United Hospital Fund, and the Latino Commission on AIDS. She has served on the NYS Council on Graduate Medical Education. She is the recipient of numerous honors, including the J. James Smith Memorial Award presented annually by the Cornell housestaff to "a member of the attending staff who exemplifies the qualities of Teacher, Scholar, and Physician" and of the National Medical Fellowships Community Service Award, presented for extraordinary commitment in the area of public health. She was named to the "Senior List" by four graduating Weill Medical College classes; the Senior List recognizes faculty who have contributed most to graduates' education by having demonstrated commitment to and excellence in teaching. In 2013, she received the Pioneers in Diversity/Bruce Laine Ballard MD Award for Excellence in Mentoring presented by the Office of Faculty Diversity in Medicine and Science, Weill Cornell Medical College. In 2015, she received the Elnora M. Rhodes SGIM Service Award - given to an individual for outstanding service to SGIM and its mission of promoting patient care, research, education and community service in primary care internal medicine.