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List of recent accomplishments:

- ✓ NJ Academy of Family Physicians- former president and board chair, named **2018 NJ Family Physician of the Year** (Represents 1800 Family Physicians in NJ)
- ✓ Latino Center on Aging in NYC- **2018 Community Service Award** (Represents the Geriatric Treatment Community nationally)
- ✓ Essex County Latino Chamber of Commerce - **2018 Lifetime Achievement Award** (Represents the business community at large in the greater Newark area)
- ✓ **The Center of Excellence for Latino Health at Clara Maass Medical Center.** Founder 2016 and Medical Director providing outreach services to needy Latino families and provide cultural competence to hospital services.
- ✓ **Forest Hill Center of Excellence for Diabetes and Chronic Disease Management.** A multidisciplinary patient centered team of clinicians, including physicians, care coordinators, certified diabetic educator, registered pharmacist, nutritionist, behaviorist, chronic disease management, transitions in care and patient education applications.
- ✓ **Forest Hill Practice Without Walls-** Home Medical Services, remote monitoring and visiting nurses. We are developing intraoperative health information and communications technologies in order to scale these services to service those with chronic diseases that are unable to get into the office for traditional services.
- ✓ **Greater Newark Health Care Coalition-** Founder, Board and Executive Committee member and Chairman of the Primary Care Committee. A coalition of all Newark hospitals, public and private clinical services organized in response to health care delivery crisis created by a rash of hospital closures and reduced ob/gyn and primary care services for Newark residents to coordinate medical services and resources aimed at the poor and underserved, high risk over utilizers and special needs populations.
- ✓ **NJ HiTech-** the Regional Extension Center for Meaningful Use- served as Medical Director overseeing the implementation of 7000 EMR systems in doctors' offices and hospitals in NJ 2011-2913
- ✓ **NJ Innovation Institute at NJIT-** served as Medical Director -training and overseeing the work of 40 Practice Transformation Coaches assisting 7500 doctors' practices in NJ, Maryland and Puerto Rico achieving competence in value-based care resulting in high quality metrics and cost saving of over \$150 million 2016-2018.
- ✓ **2017 Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) Fellow-** instrumental in advocacy for physicians EMR interoperability rules and the Cures Act of 2017.
- ✓ Founder since 1984 and current Medical Director of **Forest Hill Family Health Associates, PA** as a National Health Service Corpsman (1984-1986) serving the inner-city underserved community with classical family practice medical care. Early adopter of EMR (2000) and achieving MU (2010) and NCQA Recognition as a "Patient Centered Medical Home" Level 3 (2009-present), serving a largely Medicaid/Medicare population, now with 10 licensed clinicians supported by 20 non-clinical staff.
- ✓ Founder since 1984 and current president of **Health Practice Management Corp.** a company specialized in consulting services for primary care practice management support including, contracting, medical practice operations, continuous quality improvement, human resources, revenue cycle management, coding and health information technology. We are pioneers in the value-based model of care delivery. We provide content expertise for NCQA PCMH transformation and recognition. Currently we are contracted to transform all 22 Federally Qualified Health Centers, (FQHC) in NJ into NCQA PCMH recognized Practices.
- ✓ Founder and Medical Coordinator for **Forest Hill Medical Arts Center for Specialty Care.** Built in 1999, adjacent to FHFHA in response to the chronic lack of access by patients to specialists in Newark. established to provide specialist with facilities to provide specialty service in medically underserved area to support our PCPs with access to high quality medical care and our patients access to high quality specialty care. Currently 15 subspecialist tenants
- ✓ Member of State of NJ Task Force to **Privatize Medicaid and create the Vaccine for Children's program (VFC)** in 1996 which has expanded to universal coverage for pediatrics and improved immunization compliance.
- ✓ Medical Director of the **Center for Child and Family Well Being- City of Newark Health Center 2010-2013 under Mayor Cory Booker.** Over saw the creation of a full HRSA Certified FQHC, the construction of a new \$7 million facility and the implementation of EMR system with services provided for uninsured families, the homeless, STDs and patients living with HIV.
- ✓ Medical Director of two **Adult Medical Day Care Centers-** Home Away From Home and Casa Israel. Supervising nursing staff in providing comprehensive medical care in an out- patient social environment for the medically complex and special needs elderly.