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Lucille C. Norville Perez, MD

Biography

Lucille C. Norville Perez, MD, president of the National Medical Association (NMA) is also associate director for the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) at the Mental Health Services Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services. The NMA is the nation's oldest and largest professional, educational, and scientific organization representing the interests of more than 25,000 African American physicians.

Upon graduation in 1974 from Manhattanville College in Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Perez enrolled at New York Medical College where she received a medical degree in 1979. Sensitive to the issues regarding the welfare of young children and adolescents, Dr. Perez completed a pediatric residency at Long Island Jewish Medical Center, and adolescent fellowship at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City.

Dr. Perez has held several academic appointments that fostered her interest and development in pediatric/adolescent medicine. Among them are: chief of adolescent medicine, Brooklyn-Caledonian Hospital; associate professor of Clinical Pediatrics, State University of New York Health Science Center, Brooklyn, and St. George's School of Medicine, Grenada, West Indies; and assistant professor of Clinical Pediatrics at Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

In addition to serving as CSAP's associate director, Dr. Perez is also director of the center's Office of Medical and Clinical Affairs where she is responsible for substance abuse and HIV/AIDS prevention initiatives. In this capacity, she advises the center's director on medical and clinical issues that affect these areas. Her interest in issues related to HIV/AIDS and substance abuse prevention extends beyond the center's initiatives. Dr. Perez is a lecturer whose opinions on HIV/AIDS and substance abuse prevention are respected nationwide. Recently, Dr. Perez received the Congressional Black Caucus Special Achievement Award and the Secretary of Health and Human Services Distinguished Service Award for outstanding contribution.

Dr. Perez stays abreast of the most recent developments in her career specialty a leader or as an active member in several professional organizations. They include the American Medical Association; the Academy of Pediatrics, and the Medico-Chirurgical Society of the District of Columbia. Dr. Perez's membership and service in the National Medical Association spans 20 years. During this time, she chaired the Maternal and Child Health Council and the Nominating Committee. She has been a member of the Council on Talent, Recruitment and Retention, and the Public Health and Consumer Affairs committees. On August 8th, 2001, Dr. Lucille C. Norville Perez achieved the pinnacle of success in the NMA when she assumed the presidency of this prestigious organization. As its new leader, she will address the elimination of health disparities and continue to support past programs that have been the foundation of NMA success.

A native of Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Perez currently lives in Bethesda, Maryland with her two children.

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NMA Biomedical Education Projects

Mission: To facilitate the development, dissemination, and use of state-of-the-art biomedical knowledge for improved therapeutics in African Americans. The mission is accomplished via:

- Educating African American physicians and facilitating their participation in clinical and biomedical research;
- Educating patients about the clinical research process and improving their interest in participation;
- Creating the repository of biomedical knowledge on the diversity of response by the African American population to therapeutic interventions and making this knowledge easily accessible to physicians who treat African American patients;
- Advise the leadership of the Association on policies regarding biopharmaceuticals, biotechnology and other health matters for the improvement of therapeutics in African Americans.

Project I.M.P.A.C.T.

(Increase Minority Participation and Awareness of Clinical Trials)

Goal: To increase the participation and knowledge of African American physicians and consumers in medical research and clinical trials.

Objectives: Initiate programs to educate physicians and African American communities on clinical research and the clinical trial process. Train African American physician-investigators and establish a database of trained minority investigators. Formulate and initiate a mechanism for the effective dissemination of information regarding biomedical research involving African Americans. Develop resources, materials and methods to increase awareness and educate African American consumers in a balanced, informative and comprehensive manner about the value of participating in clinical trials.

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NMA Fact Sheet

1 **HISTORY:** Established in 1895, the National Medical Association (NMA) is the largest and oldest national organization representing African American physicians and other health professionals in the United States. The first officers of the association were Dr. F. Boyd of Nashville, TN, president; Dr. Daniel Hale Williams of Chicago, IL, vice-president; and Dr. H.R. Butler of Atlanta, GA, chairman of the executive board.

2 **MISSION:** As the leading force for parity and justice in medicine and the elimination of disparities in health, the NMA is committed to improving the health status and outcomes of minorities and the underserved. While the NMA has historically focused on health issues related to African Americans, its principles, goals, initiatives and philosophy address and benefit all Americans.

3 **STRUCTURE:** NMA's House of Delegates is the legislative body that establishes the association's policies on national health issues, clinical practices, medical education, special interests, concerns and operations. Through representation by state delegates, members have a voice in shaping national policies that affect patient welfare.

4 **MEMBERSHIP:** NMA represents the interests of more than 25,000 African American physicians in all medical specialties, particularly primary care, family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, and community medicine. With nearly 100 affiliate societies throughout the nation and U.S. territories, the NMA has firmly established a leadership role in medicine. NMA's web site is an invaluable resource for members, providing exclusive access to an array of programs and services.

5 **PUBLICATIONS:** The Journal of the National Medical Association has been published monthly since its inception in 1909 with special emphasis placed on the application of medical science to improve the health care of the disadvantaged. NMA News is published quarterly and is the official newsmagazine of the association. The NMA News provides updates on association activities and pertinent issues in medicine.

6 **PRESIDENT:** Lucille C. Norville Perez, M.D. was installed as the 102nd President of the NMA in August 2001. During her tenure she continues to serve as an advocate for strengthening African American physicians and protecting the medically underserved. Dr. Perez serves as the associate director of the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

7 **PRESIDENT-ELECT:** L. Natalie Carroll, M.D. serves as president and medical director of the Regional Physicians Network in Houston, Texas. Dr. Carroll has dedicated her career to addressing issues affecting the health and welfare of women and children.

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Programs

The National Medical Association (NMA) is the largest and oldest national organization representing African American physicians and health professionals in the United States. Established in 1895, the NMA represents the interests of more than 25,000 African American physicians and the patients they serve. NMA is committed to improving the quality of health among minorities and disadvantaged people through its membership, professional development, community health education, advocacy, research and partnerships with federal and private agencies. Throughout its history the National Medical Association has focused primarily on health issues related to African Americans and medically underserved populations; however its principles, goals, initiatives and philosophy encompass all ethnic groups. The NMA is comprised of 24 specialty sections that include primary care specialties such as family practice, obstetrics and gynecology, internal medicine, pediatrics and community medicine. Since its inception, the National Medical Association's creed has been: "Conceived in no spirit of racial animosity, fostering no ethnic antagonisms, but born of the exigencies of the American environment, the National Medical Association has for its purpose, the bonding together of men and women of African descent, for the mutual cooperation and helpfulness, who are legally and honorably engaged in the cognate practice of medicine and surgery." More than 100 years later, the National Medical Association is seen as the voice and advocate for promoting healthy living and services for African Americans and other underserved populations.

Professional Education: The NMA is dedicated to keeping its members abreast of the many rapidly occurring advances across the various medical specialties and the changes affecting medical practice. The NMA is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians. The NMA provides continuing medical education for physicians at the national, state, and regional levels. The NMA Annual Convention and Scientific Assembly is recognized as one of the best national forums on African American health and medicine.

Scholarly Exchange: The NMA strives to advance scientific and clinical knowledge to promote new directions in medicine. The Journal of the National Medical Association is the vehicle the association uses to get such information into the public arena. It has been published since 1909.

Public Health: The NMA is steadfast in its commitment to the elimination of health disparities and the promotion of healthy lifestyles among African Americans and other underserved populations. The NMA conducts national consumer education programs on cancer, cardiovascular disease and stroke, HIV/AIDS, women's health, asthma, smoking cessation, immunization, traffic safety, breastfeeding, clinical trials, as well as other issues that impact the lives of African Americans.

National Health Policies: As the nation's only organization devoted to the needs of African American physicians, and their patients, the NMA serves as the conscience of the medical profession in the ongoing fight to eliminate health disparities in the nation's health care delivery system. The NMA has historically been an unwavering advocate for health policies that improve the quality and availability of healthcare for African Americans and other underserved populations. For instance, the National Medical Association was a strong proponent for such landmark reforms as Medicare and Medicaid. Today, the NMA continues to provide leadership in shaping the national health policy agenda through continued involvement in a variety of critical policy matters.

Medical Education: The NMA is committed to increasing the number of African Americans and other under represented groups participating in the medical field. Annually, the NMA provides scholarships to deserving medical students based on academic merit and financial need. These scholarships are supported by the generous contributions of NMA members, corporations, private philanthropic organizations.

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