

Dr. Ricardo Quinonez, MD, FAAP, FHM

Ricardo A Quinonez, MD, FAAP, FHM
Associate Professor of Pediatrics
Division and Service Chief
Pediatric Hospital Medicine
Baylor College of Medicine
Texas Children's Hospital

Dr. Quinonez completed his medical training at the University of San Carlos in Guatemala City and Pediatric residency at Baylor College of Medicine/Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, Texas. He is an associate professor of Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine and the Chief of the Division of Pediatric Hospital Medicine at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, TX. Dr. Quinonez is a pioneer in the field of pediatric hospital medicine and has served as a leader of various national medical organizations. He is a past Chair of the Executive Committee for the Section of Hospital Medicine of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) where he also served as a Steering Committee member of the Value in Inpatient Pediatrics Network and Vice-chair of the Council on Quality Improvement and Patient Safety. He was also a founder and Co-Chair of the Academic Pediatric Association's (APA) Quality Improvement and High Value Care Interest Groups, member of the Executive Committee for the Healthcare Delivery Committee of the APA and has worked on a number of task forces for the APA and AAP. He also served as a member and subsequent Chair of the planning committee of the national Pediatric Hospital Medicine Conference.

Dr. Quinonez also served in the committee that applied for recognition of pediatric hospital medicine as a subspecialty and served as one of the inaugural members of the Sub-board of Pediatric Hospital Medicine of the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP). In 2018 Dr. Quinonez was asked to join and currently serves as a member of the ABP's Board of Directors.

His main academic interest is in the area of high value care for the care of children and particularly in the subject of overuse of medical tests and therapies, overdiagnosis and overtreatment in pediatrics. He led the first pediatric effort for the American Board of Internal Medicine Foundation's Choosing Wisely Campaign and has authored several publications on the issue of value in health care and conducted numerous national and international presentations on this subject.

Dr. Quinonez was selected as a Fellow in Hospital Medicine (FHM) by the Society of Hospital Medicine and in 2018 received the Award for Excellence in Clinical Care given to one pediatric hospitalist each year at the National Pediatric Hospital Medicine Conference.