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Dr. Débora H. Silva-Díaz is a tenured professor of pediatrics at the Department of Pediatrics of the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine and an attending physician of pediatric hospital medicine at the University Pediatric Hospital of Puerto Rico. She completed a BA in clinical psychology at Tufts University, an MD and general pediatrics residency program at the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine, a fellowship in primary care faculty development at Michigan State University, and a master's in education at the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Silva-Díaz has more than 20 years of experience in medical education, teaching faculty, medical students, and residents. At the school of medicine, she has served, among others, as the General Pediatrics Section Chief: director of the Clinical Skills Program, Curriculum Office, Faculty Development Program, and Office of Accreditation; and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. She is the past Interim Dean for Academic Affairs of the University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus. In these positions she has developed, implemented, and revised multiple curricula including a faculty development curriculum, a longitudinal adult and pediatric clinical and communication skills curriculum for medical students, and a Residents-as-Teacher's curriculum for pediatric residents. She has also served as a consultant, locally, nationally, and internationally, in accreditation processes, teaching and assessment skills, and curricular management. Dr. Silva-Díaz has been recognized for her work as a leader and educator by the American Medical Association, the Association of American Medical Colleges, the Panamerican Federation of Associations of Medical Schools, the Gold Humanism Honor Society, the American Academy of Pediatrics, Puerto Rico Chapter, the University of Puerto Rico, and by medical students and pediatric residents. She has been invited to present at local, national, and international meetings in topics related to curricular management, teaching and assessment of students and residents, and competency-based education, and the care of Puerto Rican patients. Dr. Silva-Díaz has dedicated her career to improving the health of Hispanic/Latino patients, particularly children, in Puerto Rico and abroad through the improvement of medical education.