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Dr. Nerian Ortiz is a Professor at the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine and Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs in the Department of Pediatrics. She completed a Bachelor's in Biological Sciences at the University of Puerto Rico Rio Piedras Campus, Medical Degree and General Pediatrics Residency Program at the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine. She is certified by the American Board of Pediatrics in General Pediatrics and Pediatric Hospital Medicine and holds various postgraduate certification: Breastfeeding Education, Leadership in Neurodevelopment Education, among others. Dr. Ortiz holds an appointment as core faculty in the Department of Pediatrics. Within the Department of Pediatrics, she has been an active member of the Residency Program Committees and core Hospital Medicine faculty.

At the School of Medicine, she has had teaching and leadership roles such as Director of various courses for medical students; Medical Director of the Clinical Skills Program and Standardized Patient Laboratory for more than 10 years. Important leadership roles include former Associate Dean of Student Affairs of the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine, Chair of the Medical School Admissions Committee, LCME steering committee, among others. Contributed to the Ponce Health Sciences University as the Associate Dean for Career Development (2022).

During the last 20 years Dr. Ortiz has been an advocate for pediatric patients, medical education and medical students. Has been leader in quality improvement project networks and is the Editor for *Revista Mi Pediatra*, magazine published by the Puerto Rico Pediatrics Society to educate the community in pediatrics health issues. Is an active member of the Board of Directors of the PR Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Puerto Rico Pediatric Society and medical advisor for several community organizations.

Achieving balance between professional life and a wonderful family with three boys and a husband is one her most rewarding accomplishment.