



**Loretta Cordova de Ortega, MD, FAAP**

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Dr. Loretta Cordova de Ortega, MD, FAAP, serves as John D. Johnson Endowed Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. Dr. Cordova de Ortega earned her undergraduate degree from Stanford University, medical degree from the University of New Mexico School of Medicine, and her residency and internship at UCLA. A General Pediatrician, she has focused much of her career on caring for children with special health care needs and chronic medical conditions. Her work extends to serving underserved populations and supporting public health initiatives across New Mexico. She is a dedicated educator, mentoring students, residents, and faculty while successfully contributing to clinical care, research, and leadership development at the University of New Mexico.

Under Dr. Cordova de Ortega's leadership, the Department of Pediatrics has made significant progress in promoting and advancing pediatric research and strengthening the department's clinical and academic programs. She is a trailblazer in fostering the development and advancement of women and URiM faculty into leadership roles within the UNM Health Sciences Center. She holds the distinction of being the first Latina faculty member at UNM promoted to Professor in the Clinical Educator track and the first Latina to chair a department at the School of Medicine.