

The National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) proudly celebrates one of its own, Julian L. Gallegos, PhD, MBA, APRN, FNP-BC, NREMT, CNL, CMHE, FAUNA, FADLN for his national leadership in establishing Men's Health Nursing as an officially recognized specialty within the profession of nursing. As a Hispanic nurse, advanced practice provider, and academic leader, Dr. Gallegos not only helped shape the future of men's health in nursing but also elevated the visibility and influence of Hispanic nurses at the highest levels of the profession.

What began as Dr. Gallegos' idea that the unique and often overlooked health needs of boys and men warranted a distinct nursing specialty has now become a historic reality. He founded and leads the American Men's Health Nursing Alliance (AMHNA) in partnership with the American Association for Men in Nursing (AAMN) and co-lead Curry Bordelon, III, DNP, CRNP, FAAN. Through this alliance, he convened a national team of nurse experts to develop the first Scope and Standards of Practice for Men's Health Nursing, a document that has been vetted through the American Nurses Association (ANA) specialty recognition process and approved by the ANA Board of Directors. To the best of current knowledge, this is the first time *any* health profession has recognized men's health as a specialty with its own national scope and standards.

For NAHN, this accomplishment carries a special meaning. Dr. Gallegos' leadership reflects the strength, expertise, and vision that Hispanic nurses bring to conversations about health equity and population health. Men's health is deeply connected to the well-being of families and communities, including Latino communities where cultural expectations, work demands, immigration stressors, and access barriers often shape how and when men seek care. By giving men's health a defined specialty home in nursing, Dr. Gallegos has helped create a framework that can better address the needs of Hispanic boys and men across the lifespan whether in primary care, community clinics, rural health settings, or occupational and first-responder environments.

The Men's Health Nursing Scope and Standards of Practice is the product of a diverse author team that includes Drs. Gallegos, Curry Bordelon, Susanne Quallich, Jason Mott, Carli Culjat, Mark Hand, Vernon Langford, Aron King, and Kendrick Clack. Their work sets expectations for safe, ethical, culturally responsive care for men and boys, and it opens the door for new curricula, research, and programs centered on male health. NAHN recognizes Dr. Gallegos' role not only as a leader of this effort, but as a visible example of how Hispanic nurses can shape national standards, influence policy conversations in health care, and create lasting impact for the communities they serve.

NAHN proudly acknowledges Dr. Julian L. Gallegos as a member whose vision, scholarship, and advocacy have helped transform men's health from an overlooked gap into a recognized nursing specialty. His work stands as a powerful reminder that when Hispanic nurses lead, the entire profession and the patients and families it serves move forward.