

Dr. Víctor Ramos is a physician specializing in pediatrics who was recently elected as the Puerto Rico Surgeons and Physicians Association's 10th and youngest president. Born in Vega Baja, Puerto Rico in 1972, he graduated with a 4.0 GPA from his town's public high school, obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Biology at the University of Puerto Rico's main campus in Río Piedras, and his MD at UPR's Medical School. He also holds an MBA in hospital management from Phoenix University.

Dr. Ramos has held multiple leadership roles, including serving in student government while in college. During his postgrad medical studies, he served in student government and in the Medical Sciences campus Academic Senate and Administrative Board, and as such was the lone vote against creating a midwife nurse curriculum.

As the leader of the Committee of Interns and Residents he led the successful strike that resulted in a \$900 increase in monthly compensation, the first paternity leave in Puerto Rico and a 24-hour cap on continued on time work by medical residents.

Prior to being elected president, Dr. Ramos held several leadership positions in the Surgeons and Physicians Association, a compulsory membership organization representing over 10,000 licensed physicians in Puerto Rico, and led the efforts leading to the Compulsory Bargaining Law, the Public Defibrillators Law, and the Doctors' Secure Homestead Law that protects physicians' family home from legal judgments.

Until the day of his election, he served as acting Vice Chair of Puerto Rico's Medical Licensing and Disciplinary Board and member of the board of the Puerto Rico Health Information Network, where he got physicians exempted for paying fees to join the electronic medical records system.

He supports equal treatment for Puerto Rico in Medicare, Medicaid and all Tricare programs, especially now that thousands of Puerto Rican military personnel will inundate the Islands health system, deactivated from the nation's armed forces as American participation in Iraq ends and winds down in Afghanistan.