

JOSÉ JOAQUÍN VARGAS DE LEÓN, MD

Dr. Vargas graduated from Medical School in 1979 becoming a licensed physician in 1981. He worked at the Bayamón Regional Hospital and received an award for developing the Best Medical Plan for the patients of the International Ladies Garment Union.

Dr. Vargas is a Primary Care Physician with over 30 years of on hand experience, an Innovator, Patient Advocate, Public and Private Advisor on Healthcare, Local and Federal Healthcare policies, programs, and regulations. He is recognized by Public and Private Institutions as a knowledgeable leader in the Puerto Rico Healthcare Industry.

He is the founder and president of Needs Educational Foundation, overseeing the non-profit organization's activities to redefine and improve healthcare services and outcomes by educating high risk patients with complex and chronic conditions.

He is the former President of the IPA Association of Puerto Rico. Additionally, the Medical Advisor of VARMED Management Group Corp. where he teamed up with Dr. Jeffrey Brenner of Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers of New Jersey, becoming a leader and pioneer in the development of Super Utilizers Programs in the US for the Medicaid population. Dr. Vargas has continued working in the development of various programs for the last two years, identifying and stratifying the most vulnerable population, addressing the social determinants of health that guide complex health conditions and developing cost efficient metrics in favor of patients and providers.

