



National Hispanic Medical Association Congratulates Bert E. Johansson, MD, PhD, FAAP



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National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) is proud to announce that after serving a three-year term as Vice Chair, El Paso pediatrician Bert E. Johansson, MD, PhD, FAAP, assumed the role of Chair of the Board of Directors during its 2026 Annual Conference, held May 27-29 in the Washington, DC, metro area. Dr. Johansson will serve a three-year term as Board Chair.

Dr. Johansson is a board-certified pediatric and critical care physician who moved from New York City to El Paso, Texas, in 2010 to work at El Paso Children's Hospital ahead of its 2012 opening. In 2019, he left pediatric critical care to practice general pediatrics at a federally qualified health center located just a few blocks from the Paso Del Norte International Bridge, which connects El Paso, Texas, and Ciudad Juárez, Mexico.

For the past 16 years, Dr. Johansson has called El Paso home and credits his patients and their families with his decision to stay. Despite the many challenges, these individuals make being a pediatrician on America's southern border both an honor and a privilege.

As the son of immigrants from Honduras and Sweden and the first in his family to attend college and later become a physician, Dr. Johansson joined NHMA early in his career while working in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at the Children's Hospital of New York. Finding that few of his colleagues shared his lived experiences, NHMA connected him with physicians who faced similar challenges and a supportive professional community. Now, he cherishes the opportunity to further that work as a leader, mentor and editor of the JNHMA, NHMA's peer-reviewed medical journal.

Dr. Johansson is married to El Paso native Cisa Rivera, and together they have four adult children.

About NHMA:

National Hispanic Medical Association is dedicated to fostering a vibrant, connected network of Hispanic and Latino health care professionals — promoting mentorship, professional growth, and advocacy and leadership opportunities — while strengthening diversity and collaboration across the medical field.

Hispanic and Hispanic-serving HCPs practicing in the greater El Paso, Texas, and Las Cruces, New Mexico, regions are encouraged to learn more about NHMA by visiting www.nhmamd.org or by finding NHMA on all major social media platforms.