

VIRTUAL KEYNOTE SPEAKER



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SPEAKER BIO

Dr. Eliseo Pérez-Stable is the Director of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). He oversees NIMHD's annual budget to advance the science of minority health and health disparities research. NIMHD conducts and supports research programs to advance knowledge and understanding of health disparities, identify mechanisms to improve minority health and reduce health disparities, and develop effective interventions to reduce health disparities in community and clinical settings. NIMHD is the lead organization at NIH for planning, reviewing, coordinating, and evaluating minority health and health disparities research activities. NIMHD promotes diversity in the biomedical workforce, supports research capacity at less-resourced institutions training underrepresented students and serving populations with health disparities, supports inclusive participation in all clinical research, and promotes information dissemination. Since joining NIMHD in 2015, he has provided strong scientific leadership at NIMHD which has produced a collection of resources that guide and facilitate the conduct of research to promote health equity including the [NIH Minority Health and Health Disparities Strategic Plan 2021-2025](#); the [NIMHD Research Framework](#); the [PhenX Social Determinants of Health Assessments Collection](#), a research toolkit; a collection of 30 science visioning [Strategies to Promote the Advancement of Health Disparities Science](#); special journal supplements [Structural Racism and Discrimination: Impact on Minority Health and Health Disparities](#) and [Addressing Health Disparities through the Utilization of Health Information Technology](#); and [The Science of Health Disparities Research](#) textbook. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Pérez-Stable has co-chaired three major new NIH-wide research programs and collaborated with other NIH institutes and centers. The two most prominent programs that have been established to promote health equity by reducing COVID-19 associated morbidity and mortality disparities experienced by underserved communities are the [Community Engagement Alliance \(CEAL\) Against COVID-19 Disparities](#) and the [Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics for Underserved Populations \(RADx-UP\)](#) initiatives. Prior to joining NIMHD, Dr. Pérez-Stable was a professor of medicine and chief of the Division of General Internal Medicine, at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). Recognized as a leader in Latino health care and disparities research, he spent 32 years leading research on smoking cessation and tobacco control in Latino populations in the U.S. and Latin America, addressing clinical and prevention issues in cancer control research, and supporting early career scientists in research on minority aging in clinical and community settings. He earned a B.A. in chemistry in 1974 and an M.D. in 1978 from the University of Miami. He completed his primary care internal medicine residency and a research fellowship in general internal medicine at UCSF.