

Dr. Jose Quero named "Patient Care Provider of the Year"

By The Southwest Florida Regional HIV/AIDS Council

Dr. Jose Quero of CHS Healthcare (CHS) has been named "Patient Care Provider of the Year" by The Southwest Florida Regional HIV/AIDS Council (RHAC). RHAC presents this award to an individual for providing exceptional care and treatment for persons living with, or affected by, HIV/AIDS. Nominations are accepted for professionals who work in Florida's Area 8, which is comprised of Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Lee and Sarasota counties. Dr. Quero practices at the CHS Marion E. Fether Center (MEF) in Immokalee where he has been providing quality care for 20 years. He serves as the Chief of Adult Medicine at CHS and has served on the board of several HIV support organizations over the years including his present seat on the board of ICAN.

Ellen Cordoba, RN Clinical Nurse Manager of the program at MEF, nominated Dr. Quero for this year's award. In her nomination she explains that Dr. Quero strives to help each patient achieve his/her maximum level of wellness. "There are numerous stories of truly miraculous recoveries, but in addition to this, there are just as many stories of the many times he has reached out with acts of kindness well beyond his duties as a practitioner," said Cordoba. In Immokalee, the organization cares for a culturally diverse, rural, migrant community. Patients present at Marion E. Fether with diverse cultural beliefs, speaking various languages and dialects. The obstacles present in this community have never deterred Dr. Quero. Steven D Weinman CHS' Executive Vice-President/Chief Operating Officer agrees with Cordoba's Assessment. "I have known Dr. Quero since he started with us at CHS" he remarked. "He has treated me and members of my family. He represents the very best of what a Community Health Center Stands for. I couldn't imagine another person more deserving of this honor".

When told of his being honored this year, Dr. Quero with his typical humility, "the award should be for my team, I could not achieve the success I have without this staff."

Congratulations, Dr. Quero, and thank you for your continued compassion and the dedication you have for all the patients you serve.



Center: **Dr. Jose Quero** receiving congratulatory award from staff
Left: **Ellen Cordoba** Right: **Steve Weinman**, COO of CHS Healthcare

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