

**University of Puerto Rico**  
**Office of the Vice President for Research and Technology**  
**Cancer Researchers**

Río Piedras Campus							
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Carlos I.	Gonzalez Vargas	cigonzalez@uprrp.edu	Rio Piedras	Natural Sciences	UPRCCC/MDACC: The Role of Phosphorylation in the NMD RNA Surveillance Mechanism.	National Cancer Institute	Cancer or Carcinogenesis
Farah A.	Ramirez-Marrero	farah.ramirez1@upr.edu	Rio Piedras	Education	HBCU/MI Partnership Training Award Department of Defence Breast Cancer Research Program: Establish a breast cancer research training program in Puerto Rico in collaboration with the State University of New York at Buffalo.	Department of Defense	Cancer or Carcinogenesis\ Clinical trials
Raphael G.	Raptis	raphael@web.uprr.pr	Rio Piedras	Natural Sciences	Synthesis and Preclinical Evaluation of Targeted, Iron-Based MRI Contrast Agents	National Institute of Health	Cancer or Carcinogenesis
Jose M.	Rivera Ortiz	jrivera@cnet.upr.edu	Rio Piedras	Natural Sciences	Pipeline Project A: Synthesis of Novel dG-Analogs and Their Effects on Telomerase and Proliferation of Malignant Glioma Cells	US Department Of Health And Human Services	Cancer or Carcinogenesis; Cancer treatment
Abimael	Rodriguez Pierluissi	arodrig@cnet.upr.edu	Rio Piedras	Natural Sciences	Pot. Leads for New Drugs Against Cancer and Infec. Diseases from Carib. Marines Invert	US Department Of Health And Human Services	Cancer or Carcinogenesis
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Surinder B.	Singh	surinder.singh@upr.edu	Mayaguez	Engineering	Engineered non-toxic quantum dots systems for cancer therapy applications (CREST IRG2)	National Science Foundation	Nanotechnology
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**Medical Sciences Campus**

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Elsa M.	Cora	ecora@rcm.upr.edu	Medical Sciences	Medicine	Pilot Project C: the Prospective Validation of Soluble Isoforms of ErbB2(p105-sErB2) & EGFR(110kD-sEGFR) as Serum Markers of Efficacy in Hormones Sensitive Post menopausal women with Metastatic Breast Cancer Treated with Either Anastrozole or in Combination with ZD1839(IRESSA).	US Department Of Health And Human Services	Cancer or Carcinogenesis\ Clinical trials
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Jorge	Duconge-Soler	jorge.duconge@upr.edu	Medical Sciences	Pharmacy	Pharmacokinetics of Vitamin C in Healthy Volunteers and Cancer Patients: A Clinical Pilot Study (RCMI Award)	National Center For Research Resources	Cancer; Cell Biology
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Margarita	Irizarry Ramirez	margarita.irizarry@upr.edu	Medical Sciences	Health Related Professions	Identification of Prostate Cancer Stage in Hispanics Using Serum Protein Profile	National Institute of Health	Cancer
Reynold	Lopez	relopez@rcm.upr.edu	Medical Sciences	Medicine	UPRCCC-Breast & cervical cancer early detection program; UPRCCC/MDACC: Partnership for Excellence in Cancer Research; Pre Pilot Project	National Cancer Institute	Cancer

Edna	Mora-Piñero	emmora@rcm.upr.edu	Medical Sciences	Medicine	A Phase II Study of Temozolomide (SCH52365) in Subjects with Advanced Aerodigestive Tract Cancers Selected for Methylation of 06 Methyl Guanine-DNA Methyltransferase (MGMT) Promoter (CRC)	Shering Plough	Cancer Natrural Therapies\ Clinical trails
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Ana	Ortiz Martinez	ana.ortiz7@upr.edu	Medical Sciences	Public Health	Pilot Case-Comparison Study of Adiponectin, Insulin Resistance and Endometrial Cancer in Puerto Rico (UPRCCC/MDACC Pilot Study)	National Institute of Health	Cancer or Carcinogenesis
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José F.	Rodriguez-Orengo	jrodriguez@rcm.upr.edu	Medical Sciences	Medicine	Prevalence of GSTM1, GSTT1, & GSTP1B among Hispanics in Puerto Rico (CRC)	National Institute of Health	Lung Cancer
Maribel	Tirado	maribel.tirado1@upr.edu	Medical Sciences	Medicine	An Open-Label, Dose Escalation Phase I Trial of MK-0646 given as an every other week infusion in patients with relapsed locally advanced metastatic cancers (CRC)	Merck	Cancer or Carcinogenesis\ Clinical trials
Roberto	Torres Zeno	roberto.torres7@upr.edu	Medical Sciences	Public Health	Test for Common Cancer Risk in the General Population	National Institute of Health	Cancer or Carcinogenesis
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