

Dr. Eduvigis Cruz-Arrieta has practiced for 20 years in the area of health psychology out of 30+ years of experience in the mental health field. She worked as supervising psychologist, assistant clinical professor of medical psychology, and behavioral scientist at *Lincoln Medical Center*, part of the NYC Health + Hospital system; NYU-Langone Medical Center, and *Columbia University Medical Center*. She provided psychological services to children and families from underserved communities in NYC and supervised graduate level trainees. She represented CUMC' s Pediatric Hematology/Oncology/Blood & Marrow Transplantation service, as behavioral scientist member of the Children's Oncology Group, and was the first female Latina psychologist to chair its Diversity & Health Disparities Committee from 2004-2015. She participated in *CureSearch* advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill representing health disparity viewpoints as part of this role.

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