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2024 John P. McGovern Award Recipient Eliseo Pérez-Stable, MD

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Each year, the president of the American Medical Writers Association (AMWA) has the honor of selecting the recipient of one of our organization's highest honors, the John P. McGovern Award. AMWA bestows this award to a member or nonmember of AMWA to recognize a preeminent contribution to medical communication. Previous recipients of the McGovern Award include Peter J. Hotez, MD, PhD; Paul A. Offit, MD; Lisa Sanders, MD, FACP; Ivan Oransky, MD; Cynthia Bauer, PhD; Julie L. Gerberding, MD, MPH; and Anthony S. Fauci, MD, among others (https://www.amwa.org/page/Award_Recipients#McGovern).

This year, the 2024 McGovern Award will go to Dr Eliseo Pérez-Stable in recognition of his work as the Director of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities and his prior contributions as a researcher at the University of California-San Francisco. His dedication to improving the health of minorities and the effective dissemination of strategies to decrease the disparities seen in health care are fascinating and inspirational. His career has centered on improving the health of individuals from racial and ethnic minority communities through effective prevention interventions, understanding underlying causes of health disparities, and advancing patient-centered care for underserved populations.

Dr Pérez-Stable has published more than 300 peer-reviewed papers and has been recognized as a leader in minority health care and disparities research. His work has directly impacted the lives of patients and colleagues. Dr Pérez-Stable developed the PhenX Social Determinants of Health Assessment Collection toolkit and The Science of Health Disparities Research textbook—resources that medical communicators across the country use. These projects and others demonstrate his leadership ability to gather input and consensus from a broad range of expertise. At a time when patient-centered care is needed and health disparities must be addressed, Dr Pérez-Stable's work is highly deserving of AMWA's McGovern Award.

Dr Pérez-Stable will deliver a keynote address at AMWA's 2024 Medical Writing & Communication Conference (register here: <https://site.pheedloop.com/event/AMWA2024/home>), which will be held in New Orleans from October 24-26, 2024.

