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Salute to Nursing – Hialeah Hospital

 **Carlos M. Cordero Jr., RN, MSN**

Carlos M. Cordero Jr., RN, MSN, is the Director of Surgical Services at Hialeah Hospital. His career in nursing has translated into 11 years of healthcare experience that has taken him through a variety of specialty departments and leading to his passion with the surgical services department. Carlos is responsible for the daily operations of the Pre-Admissions Testing department (PAT), Sterile Processing, Pre-Operative department, Post-Operative Care Unit (PACU), and Gastroenterology department (GI). He currently manages 63 FTE's and a variety of specialties procedures with the help of

his Nurse Manager and Assistant Nurse Managers, ensuring the careful coordination of all surgical procedures. Carlos is a member of the Association of Peri-Operative Registered Nurses (AORN) and the American Nurses Association (ANA).

Carlos earned his nursing degree at Miami Dade Medical College and a Master's in Nursing Science with a concentration in Leadership and Management from Florida National University. At the start of the COVID pandemic Carlos had just transferred from another Tenet facility and had just started working at Hialeah Hospital , during this time he flexed all his nursing personnel to other units to help assist with patient care as well as converting his PACU department into a Mini-ICU to help care for higher acuity patients.

Sinai Penalver, RN, BSN

Sinai Penalver, RN, BSN, has been a nurse at Hialeah Hospital since 2008. Sinai progressed to the leadership role in 2018, as the Director of the Medical Surgical unit, which has the highest volume of inpatients at Hialeah Hospital. In addition, she took over the directorship for telemetry unit in 2020. She effectively managed the two-inpatient units during the COVID-19 pandemic. Sinai was responsible for ongoing staff training and mentoring, in addition to keeping up with acute changes in patient volume due to COVID 19. She demonstrated excellent leadership skills in keeping the staff morale high and in ensuring that staff follow appropriate infection control practices, as per the facility approved COVID 19 guidelines. Sinai strives to maintain highest standards of quality and patient safety in serving our patients and community.

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