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Enrique Mendez is a Senior Partner with Martin, Blanck & Associates, a federal health services consulting firm based in Falls Church, Virginia. Martin-Blanck provides critical assistance to public and private sector clients focused on federal and state health care delivery systems and services. Martin-Blanck has grown to two dozen senior executive partners with expertise in health care policy, program development, management, informatics, and strategic planning.

Dr. Mendez served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps for 28 years, retiring in 1983 with the permanent rank of Major General. He had entered military service in 1955 as general medical officer. After completing his residency in Internal Medicine in 1960, he sequentially served as: Division Surgeon, 3rd Armored Division, Frankfurt, West Germany; Commanding Officer, 45th Field Hospital and Command Surgeon, Southern European Task Force, Vicenza, Italy; Director of Health Care Operations, Office of the Army Surgeon General, Washington, DC; Deputy Surgeon General of the Army, Washington, DC; and then as Commanding General, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC.

After a distinguished military career, Dr. Mendez returned to his native Puerto Rico, first as Dean and then as Dean and President of the Ponce School of Medicine. Subsequently, he served as Medical Director of the Damas Hospital in Ponce before becoming Secretary of Health, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. President Bush nominated Dr. Mendez to be the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), serving from March 1990 to January 1993. Following government service, he was a special consultant to Booz&Allen and Hamilton.

Among his numerous awards and honors, Dr. Mendez holds the Department of Defense Distinguished Public Service Medal; the Alumni Award for Loyola University; the Laureate Award from the American College of Physicians; the Distinguished Service Award from the Federal Health Care Executives Institute Alumni Association; the Knight rank from the Order of the Holy Sepulchre; the Lifetime Achievement Award of the National Puerto Rican Coalition; and several awards from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Included among his military awards are the Distinguished Services Medal, the Legion of Merit (two awards), the Order of Military Medical Merit, and the Expert Field Medical Badge.

He has received the following honorary degrees: Doctor of Science from the Universidad Central del Caribe in Puerto Rico; Doctor, Honoris Causa, from the Military Medical Academy of Poland; Doctor of Public Service, Honoris Causa, from the University of North Texas-Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine. He has received academic appointments as Professor of Medicine from Ponce School of Medicine in Ponce, Puerto Rico; and Clinical Professor of Medicine for the University of Texas Health Sciences Center, San Antonio and George Washington University, Washington, DC.

Born in Santurce, Puerto Rico, he is a graduate of the University of Puerto Rico (1951) and Loyola University School of Medicine (1954), and completed his internship at Mercy Hospital in Chicago in 1955.