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## **Duke's Hernandez Appointed to Reagan-Udall Foundation for the FDA's Board of Directors**

**Washington, DC**—The Reagan-Udall Foundation for the Food and Drug Administration has named Dr. Adrian F. Hernandez to its Board of Directors.

[Dr. Hernandez](#) brings extensive clinical and research experience to the Foundation's leadership, having served as the Principal Investigator (PI) for several global clinical registries and trials. He is a recognized expert in clinical trial design, use of electronic health data, health services, and regulatory science.

A cardiologist who serves as the Vice Dean for Clinical Research at the Duke University School of Medicine, Dr. Hernandez currently serves as PI in multiple large-scale programs, including PCORI's National Patient-Centered Clinical Research Network and NIH's Health Collaboratory. Key areas of focus throughout his distinguished career have included understanding health outcomes, closing the gap between clinical efficacy and effectiveness, and improving population health. He has diligently advanced use of real-world evidence to create more pragmatic clinical trials that get closer to what patients and clinicians experience every day. His work has informed clinical care guidelines, driven new drug development, and resulted in tools used by patients, clinicians, and health systems.

"We are happy to welcome Dr. Hernandez to the Board of Directors," says Ellen V. Sigal, PhD, Chair of the Reagan-Udall Foundation. "His extensive experience and expertise in real-world evidence will help lead the evolution of our research portfolio and our ongoing scientific contributions to public health."

### **About the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the FDA**

The Reagan-Udall Foundation for the FDA is an independent 501(c)(3) created by Congress to advance regulatory science in support of the FDA's mission. Flagship programs include the [Expanded Access Navigator](#) and Innovation in Medical Evidence Development and Surveillance ([IMEDS](#)). Learn more about the Foundation at [www.reaganudall.org](http://www.reaganudall.org).

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