CAPTAIN KENNETH L. DOMINGUEZ, MD, MPH



Capt. Kenneth L. Dominguez, MD, MPH (USPHS), completed a bachelor's degree at Harvard University, as well as a medical degree and master of public health degree at Columbia University. He also completed residency training in pediatrics and preventive medicine at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in Torrance, California, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia, respectively.

In addition, he trained as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (E.I.S.) Officer through the CDC at the Puerto Rico Department of Health.

In 1991, Dr. Dominguez became a Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Public Health Service and currently serves at the rank of Captain. Since 1993, he has worked with the CDC as a medical epidemiologist. Dr. Dominguez has dedicated his professional career to the pursuit of describing the HIV/AIDS epidemic in infants, children, and their mothers, with the goal of decreasing mother-to-child HIV transmission and improving the quality of life and survival of HIV-infected children. More recently, his work has focused on biomedical interventions to prevent HIV transmission in all age groups. Dr. Dominguez is the CDC scientific lead or co-lead on several national guidelines including the guidelines for the prevention and treatment of opportunistic infections in children and adolescents, and guidelines for nonoccupational HIV prophylaxis. He currently works as a medical epidemiologist on the Prevention for Negatives Team—biomedical intervention activity in the CDC's Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, Epidemiology Branch.

Capt. Dominguez is an Advisory Committee member for the Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry, which provides information to pregnant women and their HIV-care providers about the risk for congenital birth defects associated with exposure to each of the HIV antiretrovirals. He also serves as federal liaison to the American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Pediatric AIDS. He is CDC spokesperson for the One Test-Two Lives HIV testing campaign for pregnant women and their providers, HIV Treatment Linked to Care (TLC) campaign, and We Can Stop HIV One Conversation at a Time. He mentors junior scientists and student interns through various training programs at the CDC, and most recently has participated in the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Dominguez was instrumental in helping to co-organize CDC's first Hispanic/Latino Health Workgroup, a scientific workgroup focused on improving Hispanic health in the US.