

## **LEANDRO A. MENA, MD, MPH**



Leandro A. Mena, MD, MPH, is a clinician-researcher and public health advocate with expertise in the prevention and clinical management of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and HIV infection. He is the founding Chair of the Department of Population Health Science at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, John D. Bower School of Population Health, and is a Professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases, in Jackson, MS. Dr. Leandro also directs the Center for HIV/AIDS Research, Education & Policy at the Myrlie Evers-Williams Institute for Elimination of Health Disparities, also in Jackson, MS, and he serves as the STD Medical Director for the state of Mississippi. Additionally, he is Medical Director of the Crossroads Clinic—Jackson, Mississippi’s public HIV/STD clinic—and the Open Arms Healthcare Center, a community-based clinic with a focus on the health needs of LGBT populations. In recognition of his work developing a model program of culturally competent HIV prevention and care for black men who have sex with men, which is being replicated in other cities nationwide, Dr. Leandro was honored with the 2016 Achievement Award by the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA). He is board-certified in infectious diseases.