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HIC Newsletter

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Meet the Team

In every edition, we shine a spotlight on the people who drive innovation at the Healthcare Innovation Center (HIC). This section introduces individual team members, showcasing their roles, passions, and contributions to our mission of transforming healthcare. You'll get to know the faces behind the work and the stories that will inspire progress.



Digital Solutions Wizard

“I design user-centric digital solutions that address the needs and challenges people face in managing their health. By combining empathy with innovation, I create experiences that truly make a difference. Additionally, I take pride in empowering my team members, fostering their growth, and helping them achieve their full potential”.

- Gladys González

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Sponsor Spotlight

Welcome to the Sponsor Spotlight! In this section, we proudly highlight the achievements and milestones of the organizations that support the Healthcare Innovation Center (HIC).

Our sponsors are more than just partners, they are drivers of progress and innovation across healthcare, science, and technology. Here, we celebrate their impact and the meaningful work they continue to lead within and beyond our ecosystem.

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CIRACET LAUNCHES BIOMEDICAL TECHNICIANS DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

OCTOBER 4, 2025

CIRACET Corp. has officially launched its Biomedical Technicians Development Academy, a dynamic initiative designed to enhance the technical skills and professional development of biomedical staff.

This academy aims to foster talent, elevate service standards, and expand workforce capacity within the biomedical sector in Puerto Rico.

Through structured learning and mentorship, this program reinforces CIRACET's commitment to innovation, education, and excellence in healthcare support services.



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CIRACET AND UPR-PONCE STRENGTHEN STUDENT DEVELOPMENT THROUGH STRATEGIC ALLIANCE

OCTOBER 17, 2025



As part of a strategic alliance with the University of Puerto Rico in Ponce, CIRACET Corp. welcomed fifth-year Computer Information Systems students for a 90-hour supervised internship.

Guided by CIRACET's internal IT team, the students contributed to projects in network infrastructure, systems support, and cybersecurity.

This initiative supports CIRACET's commitment to education and workforce development through real-world learning experiences.

CIRACET SUPPPORTS CARIBBEAN SURGICARE'S TECH INFRASTRUCTURE AND BIOMEDICAL SERVICES

NOVEMBER 21, 2025



CIRACET collaborated with Caribbean SurgiCare to support the launch of its new Ambulatory Surgical Center. The team provided critical services in technology infrastructure and biomedical equipment management, ensuring operational readiness and alignment with healthcare standards.

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ADVANCING WOMEN'S HEALTH THROUGH RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

SPOTLIGHTING THE WORK OF DR. IDHALIZ FLORES AND HER TEAM AT PHSU

Dr. Idhaliz Flores presents Tools and Insights for Advancing Endometriosis Research Collaboration

Dr. Idhaliz Flores, Professor in the Department of Basic Sciences and Director of the Endometriosis Research Program at Ponce Research Institute, led a compelling seminar titled "Building Multi-Country Interdisciplinary Coalitions in Endometriosis Research".

During the session, Dr. Flores highlighted tools that support collaborative work across institutions and borders, such as the World Endometriosis Research Foundation (WERF) EPHect questionnaires and resources.





Dr. Idhaliz Flores Shares Key Insights on Endometriosis at SEUD-LATAM congress

As part of the 1st SEUD-LATAM Congress held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Dr. Flores presented new findings on endometriosis and discussed ongoing efforts in Puerto Rico to influence public policy and increase awareness of the condition.

Her presentation demonstrated the power of research to drive meaningful improvements in women's health and reaffirmed the essential contribution of academic institutions to public health advancement.

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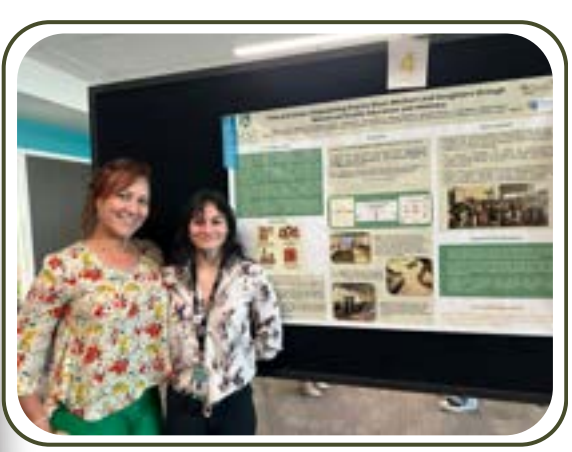
Flow and Glow Project Wins Top Recognition at PHSU Community Service Expo

At the recent Community Service Expo hosted by Ponce Health Sciences University (PHSU), the team led by Dr. Idhaliz Flores showcased their impactful project titled *Flow and Glow: Empowering Puerto Rican Mothers and Daughters through Menstrual Health Education and Wellness*. The presentation was delivered by student Kiara Sofía Vega Bellido and earned first place honors at the summit.

The project, developed in collaboration with the Healthcare Innovation Center (HIC) and Fundación Intellectus, focused on promoting menstrual health literacy among Puerto Rican girls and their caregivers. By incorporating age-appropriate education, wellness activities, and open conversations between mothers and daughters, the initiative addressed both practical knowledge and the emotional dimensions of menstruation.

Flow and Glow reflects a culturally responsive and community-based model that strengthens family relationships while breaking down stigma around menstrual health. The project continues to highlight the value of intergenerational dialogue and scientific outreach in addressing health equity for women and girls across the island.







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CIRACET CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAY SEASON AT CAMPO ES LEÑA

DECEMBER 19, 2025

To close the year on a joyful note, CIRACET Corp. hosted its annual holiday celebration at Campo es Leña. The festive event brought together team members from across departments to celebrate the accomplishments of 2025 in a relaxed and cheerful setting.

Attendees enjoyed a variety of holiday activities, delicious food, and music in the scenic venue. The gathering served not only as a celebration of the season, but also as a moment to recognize the dedication, teamwork, and achievements that defined CIRACET's year.

Moments like these strengthen our sense of community and remind us of the people behind the innovation. Here's to a successful year and to even greater milestones in 2026!













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The HIC in Action

From workshops and academic visits to community outreach and high-impact forums, this section brings you a snapshot of the activities that showcase our mission—driving collaboration, education, and innovation to shape the future of healthcare in Puerto Rico.

SEE WHAT'S NEXT!

Follow our journey on social media and explore the events shaping healthcare at the HIC.

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NEW HOLBERTON CODING SCHOOL COHORT BEGINS AT THE HIC

OCTOBER 1, 2025

On October, the Healthcare Innovation Center (HIC) welcomed a new cohort of students from the Holberton Coding School, marking another step forward in our commitment to tech education and workforce development in Puerto Rico.

The new group of aspiring software developers began their intensive training in full-stack programming, problem-solving, and collaborative project development. Through this partnership, students gain access to HIC's innovation-driven environment and digital health initiatives, enriching their learning experience with real-world context.

We're excited to support this new generation of tech talent and look forward to the impact they'll make in the digital and health sectors.

SAN LUCAS LEADERSHIP PARTICIPATES IN APR-DRG WORKSHOP AT HIC

OCTOBER 3, 2025

The Healthcare Innovation Center (HIC) welcomed supervisors and directors from Centro Médico Episcopal San Lucas for a specialized workshop on the APR-DRG system. This essential tool supports both clinical and financial management within healthcare institutions.

The session was led by Leslie Padín Rosario, President of Infinity HIM Consulting, who provided expert guidance on the effective use and application of APR-DRG methodologies.



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CIRACET BIOMEDICAL TEAM PARTICIPATE IN CPR TRAINING AT THE HIC

OCTOBER 13, 2025

CIRACET Corp. held a CPR certification workshop at the Healthcare Innovation Center (HIC), reaffirming its commitment to workplace safety and emergency preparedness.

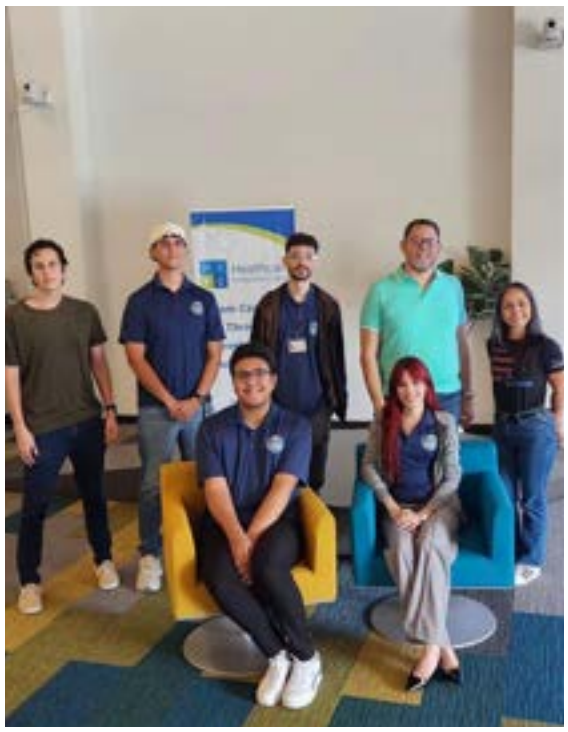
Biomedical technicians and other team members took part in this hands-on training to refresh their life-saving skills and stay up to date with current CPR protocols. The session, led by certified instructors, focused on practical scenarios and proper response techniques in cardiac emergencies.



By equipping staff with essential emergency response training, CIRACET continues to foster a safe and proactive work environment across all its operations.

THE HIC HOSTS UPR PONCE STUDENTS FOR SHADOWING EXPERIENCE

OCTOBER 17, 2025



The Healthcare Innovation Center (HIC) welcomed four students from the University of Puerto Rico in Ponce for a one-day shadowing experience.

During their visit, the students were introduced to CIRACET Corp. and the HIC, learning about the organizations' role in driving healthcare innovation through technology. They received an overview of the center’s key digital platforms, including CAMS, C4, and CSN.

This visit offered the students a practical glimpse into how digital tools are used to address real-world healthcare challenges in Puerto Rico.

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THE HIC PARTICIPATES IN NEXOSUR 2025: ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE SOUTHERN PUERTO RICO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

OCTOBER 23 - 24, 2025



The Healthcare Innovation Center (HIC) proudly participated in NexoSur 2025, the annual convention hosted by the Cámara de Comercio del Sur de Puerto Rico, held on October 23–24 at the Hilton Ponce Golf & Casino Resort.

Under the theme "*Conectando visiones, impulsando el crecimiento del sur*," this event brought together business leaders, professionals, and key stakeholders dedicated to driving sustainable regional development.

HIC joined this dynamic space to share our work in healthcare innovation, digital solutions, and collaborative initiatives that strengthen Puerto Rico's health ecosystem. Our participation reaffirmed our commitment to fostering partnerships that support the economic and social advancement of the southern region.

CIRACET OFFERS SECOND CPR TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR BIOMEDICAL TEAM

NOVEMBER 11, 2025



As part of its continued commitment to safety, preparedness, and professional development, CIRACET Corp. held its second CPR training workshop for its biomedical technicians. The session took place at the Healthcare Innovation Center (HIC), reinforcing the importance of life-saving skills in clinical and technical environments.

Led by certified instructors, the workshop provided hands-on training and updated protocols for cardiopulmonary resuscitation, empowering participants with the knowledge and confidence to respond in emergency situations.

This initiative reflects CIRACET's dedication to equipping its team with essential competencies that support both patient care and operational excellence.

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CIRACET THANKSGIVING EMPLOYEE LUNCHEON AT THE HIC

NOVEMBER 19, 2025

CIRACET celebrated the spirit of gratitude with a Thanksgiving luncheon for its employees, held at the Healthcare Innovation Center (HIC).

The event offered a warm space for colleagues to gather, reflect on the year's accomplishments, and share in the company of one another. Surrounded by a festive atmosphere, the luncheon recognized the dedication and teamwork that continue to drive CIRACET's mission forward.

Moments like these strengthen not only professional bonds, but also the sense of community that defines our work culture.











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Closing the Year with Vision:
The HIC Hosts Final Scientific Innovation Night of 2025

On December 4, the Healthcare Innovation Center (HIC) marked the culmination of a year of progress and discovery with the final Scientific Innovation Night of 2025. The event as always, brought together a vibrant of scientists, technologists, and entrepreneurs, all committed to shaping the future of healthcare through collaboration and bold ideas.

This special edition featured insightful presentations and conversations focused on current trends and opportunities in health and innovation, highlighting the collaborative spirit driving progress in Puerto Rico and beyond.

Beyond the presentations, attendees engaged in meaningful exchanges that sparked new partnerships, ideas, and momentum for 2026. As Scientific Night continues to grow, so does its role as a catalyst for innovation across sectors.

With this final session, HIC reaffirms its mission to connect minds, bridge disciplines, and create real-world impact, setting the tone for another year of visionary progress.

FEATURED SPEAKERS OF THE NIGHT



Dr. Jorge Castro

Developing a Localized Thermal Treatment for Prostate cancer



Dr. María Ramos

The 10 → 100 Journey in Cervical Cytology with AI



Dr. William Hurtado

Cardio-Renal-Metabolic Syndrome: The Overlooked Driver of Disease Burden

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GET READY FOR ANOTHER NIGHT OF GROUNDBREAKING IDEAS AND COLLABORATION

After a year of thought-provoking presentations, bold discussions, and meaningful connections, we're excited to announce that our next Scientific Innovation Night will return in **March 2026**, continuing to bring together researchers, professionals, and innovators from across Puerto Rico to share ideas, explore breakthroughs, and spark new collaborations in science, health, and technology.

STAY TUNED FOR THE OFFICIAL DATE AND SPEAKERS LINEUP!

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5TH STERILIZATION SYMPOSIUM HIGHLIGHTS BEST PRACTICES IN INFECTION CONTROL

DECEMBER 6, 2025

The Healthcare Innovation Center (HIC) hosted the 5th edition of the Sterilization Symposium, an annual event that convenes healthcare professionals, biomedical specialists, and industry experts to explore critical topics in sterilization, disinfection, and patient safety.

This year's symposium focused on the latest technologies, regulatory standards, and practical approaches for improving infection control in clinical environments. Through a series of expert-led presentations and collaborative discussions, participants gained valuable insights into optimizing sterilization protocols and reducing healthcare-associated infections.

The event reaffirmed CIRACET and the HIC's shared commitment to advancing continuous education, operational excellence, and quality care. With strong attendance and active engagement, the symposium continues to serve as a key platform for professional development and healthcare innovation on the island.



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Innovative Care Solutions

Welcome to the Innovative Care Solutions (ICS) section, where creativity meets execution. ICS is the innovation laboratory of the Healthcare Innovation Center (HIC), designed to transform ideas into tangible healthcare solutions through collaboration, experimentation, and strategic development.

In this section, you'll find updates on the latest projects and ventures currently in progress at the HIC, led by healthcare professionals, entrepreneurs, and innovators who are shaping the future of patient care, health technology, and system improvement.

Stay tuned to see how ideas move from concept to real-world impact—right here at the heart of healthcare innovation.



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CSN PILOT FOR WARFARIN MONITORING OFFICIALLY LAUNCHES AT CARIBBEAN VASCULAR CENTER

In December, the Healthcare Innovation Center (HIC) officially initiated its clinical pilot for warfarin therapy monitoring in partnership with Caribbean Vascular Center. The pilot, now active and underway with real patients and clinical staff, leverages the Clinical Social Network Connectivity Platform (CSN), developed by the HIC's Digital Solutions team.

This milestone represents an essential phase in testing digital tools like patient reminders, real-time alerts, and decision support for managing anticoagulation therapy. Focused on patient and information safety and workflow efficiency, the project seeks to minimize delays in INR monitoring and dose adjustments.

The initial implementation already provides useful insights into how technology can enhance safer, more responsive care in anticoagulation clinics. The HIC team will keep collecting feedback from patients and providers to evaluate usability, clinical impact, and scalability.

Stay tuned for updates on outcomes and upcoming steps as this pilot progresses!

DIGITAL SOLUTIONS TEAM DEVELOPS NEW CAMS 6 DASHBOARD FOR ENHANCED PERFORMANCE MONITORING

The Digital Solutions team at the HIC is finalizing the launch of a new, dynamic dashboard for CAMS 6, designed to improve visibility and management of key operational metrics. Built on the Power BI business intelligence platform, this tool offers advanced tracking of Work Orders (WO), Preventive Maintenance (PM), and requisitions, providing a more interactive and data-driven experience than existing solutions.

This upgrade marks a significant step forward in the optimization of asset and maintenance workflows, empowering users with real-time insights to support better decision-making across facilities.

Stay tuned for the official rollout of the CAMS 6 dashboard in the coming weeks!

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WE WISH YOU A

Happy New Year

As the year comes to a close, the HIC extends heartfelt wishes of peace, health, and happiness to all our partners, collaborators, and community members. May this season bring moments of rest, reflection, and renewed hope.

Thank you for being part of our mission to drive innovation and transformation in healthcare. We look forward to continuing this journey together in the new year.

Happy Holidays from the Healthcare Innovation Center!



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