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## IN MEMORIAM

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*D*r. Ana Rosa González was born in Río Piedras, Puerto Rico on October 23, 1962. She graduated from the University of Puerto Rico with a bachelor's degree in Biology, Magna Cum Laude in 1984, in 1988 she obtained her M.D. degree from the UPR School of Medicine. Afterwards she completed residency training in Pediatrics at the University Pediatric Hospital. She worked as a general pediatrician from 1991 to 1995 in the community when she was accepted in the Neonatal-Perinatal Fellowship Program of the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine. As a fellow, Dr. González showed a profound interest in research. She studied the renal hemodynamics of ibuprofen and indomethacin in rats, and participated in a follow up study of infants who received thyroxine and steroids for fetal maturation. She also elaborated a protocol comparing the effects of ibuprofen and indomethacin in the closure of the patent ductus arteriosus in newborn infants.

Besides her achievements in research, Dr. González is best remembered as a hard working and extremely courteous person. Although her professional career was short it was a very dynamic one. Just after developing renal failure on her last days as a fellow, Dr. González traveled to San Diego to present a poster of her investigation at the Society for Pediatric Research. She collaborated with the Emergency Medical Services for Children Program offering the neonatal aspects of the PALS course for first responders. She was an instructor of the Neonatal Resuscitation Course (NALS). She served as Secretary of the Puerto Rico Renal Council, where she collaborated with the council's school program for urine screening for renal disease among public schools students.

Ana Rosa González died unexpectedly on May 11, 2003 in her home. To those who had the pleasure of working with her it was a great loss. She was one of those persons that come into ones life almost imperceptibly but when they leave they take a part of us with them. We cherish the opportunity of having worked with such a special human being and are deeply indebted with her for having enriched our lives.