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Ruben J. Pamies, M.D., has served as vice chancellor for academic affairs, dean for graduate studies and professor of internal medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) since September 2003. Prior to that, Dr. Pamies was chairman of the department of internal medicine and The Edward S. Harkness Professor of Medicine at Meharry Medical College School of Medicine. He also was chief of service in the department of internal medicine at the Metropolitan Nashville General Hospital. While in Nashville, he was a professor of medicine in the School of Medicine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Born in Haiti, Dr. Pamies' family moved to New York when he was six. Dr. Pamies received his baccalaureate degree in 1981 from St. John's University and his medical degree in 1986 from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He completed his residency training at Cornell-North Shore University Hospital in the internal medicine primary care track.

Recognized widely for his expertise on health disparities, Dr. Pamies was recently selected as a new member and chair of the Advisory Committee on Minority Health for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health. In 2005, he collaborated with former United States Surgeon General, Dr. David Satcher, to author and edit one of the first textbooks addressing inequalities in health care titled, "Multicultural Medicine and Health Disparities." Their collaboration began when Dr. Pamies was associate dean for student affairs at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. Because of their work, the Dr. David Satcher - Dr. Rubens J. Pamies Scholarship for Academic Excellence for Minority Students was established at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.

Dr. Pamies served as principal or co-investigator on a number of grants including an NIH sponsored Center for Reducing Asthma Disparities, Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ) sponsored Center for Improving Patient Safety, REACH 2019 Project (Meharry component), the NIH planning grant for clinical research in minority institutions and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP), one of 12 sites in the U.S.

His influence spans across the U.S. through his service on a number of national, regional and local boards and community groups. Dr. Pamies is a contributor to the Institute of Medicine report for research and reducing health disparities. He is a test committee representative for the National Board of Medical Examiners, chairman of the Building Bright Futures adolescent behavioral health task force and a former member of the Public Health Advisory Committee for the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. In addition, he is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Medical School Honor Society and the recipient of numerous awards for his community work and contributions to the medical industry, including a lifetime achievement award from the Association of Haitian Physicians.

Dedicating his academic medical career to minority health issues, Dr. Pamies created the first office of minority affairs at the University of South Florida College of Medicine 1991. He served as director for two years before becoming chief of the general internal medicine division at Mount Sinai Medical Center.

His achievements at UNMC include establishing the Virginia-Nebraska Alliance, a partnership with five Historically Black Colleges/Universities to address a shortage of minority health care professionals; and the successful advancement of a new College of Public Health which includes a Center for Reducing Health Disparities. Dr. Pamies has been featured in more than 100 articles in medical journals, newspapers, magazines including Essence magazine; has presented at numerous national and international conferences on topics such as health disparities, health care, medical education and minority medical workforce trends; appeared on local and national news programs including CNN and C-SPAN.

He is married to Michelle Austin Pamies, Esq. She is a senior attorney for Union Pacific Railroad.