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Since 2015, Julio Frenk has served as president of the University of Miami. He also holds four academic appointments as Professor of Public Health Sciences, Health Sector Management and Policy, Sociology, and Nursing and Health Studies.

He previously served as Dean of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and T & G Angelopoulos Professor of Public Health and International Development, a joint appointment with the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

Dr. Frenk served as the Federal Secretary of Health of Mexico from 2000-2006, when he pursued an ambitious agenda to reform the nation's health system and introduced a program of comprehensive universal coverage called *Seguro Popular*, which expanded access to health care for more than 55 million previously uninsured persons.

Among other leadership positions, he also served as the founding director-general of the National Institute of Public Health in Mexico, executive director in charge of Evidence and Information for Policy at the World Health Organization, and senior fellow in the global health program of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Dr. Frenk holds a medical degree from the National University of Mexico, as well as a Master of Public Health and a joint Ph.D. in Medical Care Organization and in Sociology from the University of Michigan. He has published 196 papers in academic journals, 182 articles in cultural magazines and newspapers, 29 books (including five novels for youngsters explaining the functions of the human body), 18 monographs, and 97 book chapters. His scholarly production has been cited more than 34,000 times.

His research has centered on health systems, a field where he has made both theoretical and empirical contributions. As part of his extensive work on the health transition, he has examined the public policy implications of large, long-term shifts in the dominant patterns of health and disease. He has also carried out work on health professions education and the medical labor market. Dr. Frenk is also considered an expert on the complex relationship between globalization and health. More recently, he has been involved in various initiatives to reform higher education.

Dr. Frenk is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, U.S. National Academy of Medicine, National Academy of Medicine of Mexico, and El Colegio Nacional (the most prestigious learned society of scientists, intellectuals, and artists in Mexico). He serves on the boards of the United Nations Foundation, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation.

His recognitions include the Clinton Global Citizen Award, Yale University Bouchet Leadership Medal, Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health Welch-Rose Award, as well as honorary degrees from 12 universities in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and Europe.