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BIOGRAPHY

Jennifer M. Orozco, DMSc, PA-C, DFAAPA is president and chair of the American Academy of PAs. Previously, she served two terms on AAPA's Board of Directors as Director-at-Large from 2017-2021 and four terms as a delegate in AAPA's House of Delegates, representing the Illinois Academy of PAs. She also served three years on AAPA's Commission on Government Relations and Practice Advancement (GRPA). In addition to her service in the House of Delegates, her leadership career also extends to multiple constituent organizations, where she served in multiple leadership roles, including president of the Illinois chapter and a member of the PA, Administrators, Managers, and Supervisors (PAAMS) Special Interest Group.

Much of Orozco's career has been dedicated to both the clinical and academic leadership teams at Rush University System for Health in Chicago, Illinois. Currently, she is the director of advanced practice providers across the hospital system and continues to practice vascular surgery. In addition, Orozco is a member of Rush University's faculty and an assistant professor in the Department of PA Studies.

Orozco is a strong advocate for health equity and improving patient's access to care through the advancement of the PA profession and a champion of advocacy efforts on both the state and federal levels. In addition to her work with GRPA, she served as legislative chair of the Illinois Academy of PAs, as a national-level advisor on the advanced practice provider workforce, and frequently lectures to PA, nursing, and physician audiences on current legislative initiatives impacting the medical team.

Orozco earned a Bachelor of Science in exercise physiology from University of Illinois at Chicago, a Master of Medical Science in PA Studies from Midwestern University, and her Doctor of Medical Science (DMSc) from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. When not working to advance the profession on behalf of patients, Orozco spends most of her free time outdoors cycling and traveling with her three children, Maddux, Matias, and Belicia, in Bartlett, Illinois.