



Member Spotlight Q & A Carlos Ramirez

HFMA: Please tell us about your current position and how you came to a career in Healthcare:

Answer: I'm the Chief Medical Officer at Vanguard Health - Valley Baptist health Plans. I'm a physician with advance degree in business MBA in Healthcare from Baylor.

HFMA: What is the biggest challenge you expect to face in your job this coming year?

Answer: Exchanges and readmissions. Quality and performance.

HFMA: How did you first learn about HFMA and what would you say are the primary benefits of HFMA membership?

Answer: I heard about HFMA when I went to ACHE meeting held by the HFMA in South Texas. Networking and deeper understanding of the changes in healthcare (reimbursement) strategies while keeping good quality in healthcare service.

HFMA: What do you hope to gain out of your membership in HFMA South Texas Chapter?

Answer: Networking and team working across the different institution. Coaching and mentoring as well.

HFMA: Who was the first member you met?

Answer: Craig Butters

HFMA: What is your current position with the chapter?

Answer: N/A

HFMA: Please share with us some information about your personal life (family, interests, hobbies, interesting facts, etc.)

Answer: My wife is a Ph.D in Business Marketing. Two girls 9 and 7. I love flying and Im a pilot. I like the business of medicine and I'm so intrigued about improvement and the link between good service for the right price. I like to see other countries managing healthcare.

HFMA: Favorite place you've traveled and favorite place you would like to travel to:

Answer: My favorite place is a little Kay in Bahamas where the arena is so white and the sea so peaceful.

HFMA: What is one thing you'd like to do in your lifetime that is on your "Bucket List":

Answer: Missionary trip to South America.

HFMA: Favorite way to relax and/or favorite thing to do with your family:

Answer: Relax is stay at home and enjoy my family watching a movie or walking in a park. We love to do some backpacking, camping and traveling around.

HFMA: If you were not in HEALTHCARE, what would you be doing?

Answer: I don't know, I love what I do.

HFMA: Tell us something about your life that you would like to BRAG about:

Answer: Being able to combine both worlds of medicine and business. My family! I am so proud of my family.

