

Biography

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Jennifer M. Orozco-Kolb, DMSc, PA-C, DFAAPA is the Chief Medical Officer and Senior Vice President of Clinical Affairs at the American Academy of Physician Associates (AAPA) and the interim Executive Director of the PA Foundation (*the philanthropic arm of the AAPA*).

Dr. Orozco-Kolb has served as a volunteer leader, patient advocate, and change agent of the PA profession and all of healthcare for more than 20+ years. She has held multiple leadership positions at both the state and national levels and is the former president and chair of the AAPA board of directors. She is a strong advocate for health equity and improving patient care access and a champion of healthcare advocacy efforts on both the state and federal levels. She is an accomplished speaker, published author, and Op-Ed scholar.

Much of Orozco-Kolb's career had been dedicated to the clinical and academic leadership teams at Rush University System for Health in Chicago, Illinois. In that role, she was an assistant professor, vascular surgery PA, and the director of advanced practice for more than 400 PAs and APRNs across the hospital system.

She 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 a Doctor of Medical Science (DMSc) from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. When not working to modernize healthcare, Dr. Orozco-Kolb spends most of her free time outdoors cycling and traveling with her husband Kevin and her three children, Maddux, Matias, and Belicia, in Fox River Grove, Illinois.