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In 1974, my father immigrated to the United States from South Asia with a few dollars in his pocket. In the society he came from, boys were given an elevated status in comparison to girls and great importance was bestowed on having a son. Regardless of cultural norms, my father placed high value on educating his children to their highest potential and was not deterred by having only daughters. I am the youngest of his 3 daughters, all of whom graduated with their medical doctorate from New Jersey Medical School (NJMS). After residency and fellowship, I returned to NJMS as an attending radiologist. I currently serve as Division Chief of Diagnostic Imaging in the Department of Radiology. Having a leadership role in a safety net hospital empowers me to advocate for the cause I am most passionate about — disparities in healthcare delivery. Being a female leader also helps me to continue my father’s legacy of gender equality as it positions me as a role model and resource for women pursuing a career in radiology, a specialty in which women have historically been significantly underrepresented.

Magdalena Pilar Salvador, MD
Assistant Professor

Growing up in Ecuador and being surrounded by poverty, I knew early on that I wanted to pursue a career in medicine so that I could help those in need. When I came to the United States to complete my residency at New Jersey Medical School, I fell in love with this institution and its patients. I have been practicing as an attending radiologist specializing in breast imaging for the past 9 years. As a Hispanic radiologist, I have been able to connect with my patients through commonality in culture and language. Many of my patients are faced with a diagnosis of breast cancer and I find incredible personal satisfaction in being a resource for them when they are afraid and at times alone. There are no words to describe how I feel when I receive their gratitude through hugs and kisses.
As my medical education at the University of Damascus came to a close, Syria became devolved by a civil war. The resultant lack of accessible health care became unbearable at times. Having witnessed such destruction, I wanted to become part of the solution to the collateral damage left behind in the wake of a war. I feel fortunate to have matched at Rutgers University. The high-quality training and educational environment combined with the available global health initiatives will help me achieve my career goals.

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I was born in Nigeria and moved to New Jersey to complete high school and college. During my summers as a college student, I participated in the Rutgers Summer Medical and Dental Educational Program, which was setup to expose minorities to the health professions. These were invaluable foundational experiences in directing my career path toward becoming a physician. I returned to NJMS as a neuroradiology attending in 2015 in part because I wanted to give back to the institution and community that helped shape me. I believe we practice in an increasingly global community and Rutgers has a workforce that mirrors the diverse cultural perspectives of the people we serve. This helps us to excel at upholding that standard of excellence we strive to provide to our patients.