



## RAFAEL A SANTIAGO-APONTE

License Number: ME114771

Profession Medical Doctor  
License Status Clear/Active  
Year Began Practicing 01/01/1997  
License Expiration 01/31/2027  
Date

## General Information

### Primary Practice Address

RAFAEL A SANTIAGO-APONTE  
410 S. 11TH ST.  
LAKE WELLS HOSPITAL  
LAKE WALES, FL 33853

### Medicaid

This practitioner DOES participate in the Medicaid program.

### Staff Privileges

This practitioner currently holds staff privileges at the following hospital/medical/health institutions:

Institution Name	City	State
FLORIDA HOSPITAL HEARTLAND MEDICAL CENTER	SEBRING	FLORIDA

### Email Address

Please contact at: [vipemeregency@yahoo.com](mailto:vipemeregency@yahoo.com)

### Other State Licenses

This practitioner has indicated the following additional state licensure:

State	Profession
MISSOURI	MEDICAL
PUERTO RICO	MEDICAL

### Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Association

If you are a Florida Allopathic (MD) or Osteopathic (DO) Physician, you are required to provide proof of payment of the Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Association (NICA) assessment as required by section 766.314, Florida Statutes. Payment of the initial and annual assessment are required of all Florida Allopathic and Osteopathic Physicians who do not qualify for an exemption as set forth in section 766.314(4)(b)4, Florida Statutes.

This practitioner has indicated that he/she has submitted payment of the assessment.

## Education and Training

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Institution Name	Degree Title	Dates of Attendance	Graduation Date
SAN JUAN BAUTISTA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	MD	6/1/1993 - 5/1/1997	05/01/1997

Other Health Related Degrees

This practitioner has completed the following other health related degrees:

School/University	City	State/Country	Dates Attended From	Dates Attended To	Degree Title
UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER	ROCHESTER	NEW YORK	08/01/1989	05/01/1993	BACHELOR OF ARTS

Professional and Postgraduate Training

This practitioner has completed the following graduate medical education:

Program Name	Program Type	Specialty Area	Other Specialty Area	City	State or Country	Dates Attended From	Dates Attended To
UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO SOM	RESIDENCY	EM - EMERGENCY MEDICINE		SAN JUAN	PUERTO RICO	07/01/2001	06/01/2004
DR. ALEJANDRO OTERO LOPEZ HOSPITAL	ROTATING INTERNSHIP			MANATI	PUERTO RICO	06/01/1997	06/01/1998

Academic Appointments

Graduate Medical Education

This practitioner has not had the responsibility for graduate medical education within the last 10 years.

Academic Appointments

This practitioner does not currently hold faculty appointments at any medical/health related institutions of higher learning.

Specialty Certification

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This practitioner holds the following certifications from specialty boards recognized by the Florida board which regulates the profession for which he/she is licensed:

Specialty Board	Certification	Date Certified
AMERICAN BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE	EM - EMERGENCY MEDICINE	11/01/2011

Financial Responsibility

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I have hospital staff privileges and I have professional liability coverage in an amount not less than \$250,000 per claim, with a minimum annual aggregate of not less than \$750,000 from an authorized insurer as defined under s. 624.09, F. S., from a surplus lines insurer as defined under s. 626.914(2), F. S., from a risk retention group as defined under s. 627.942, F.S., from the Joint Underwriting Association established under s. 627.351(4), F. S., or through a plan of self insurance as provided in s.627 .357, F.S.

Proceedings and Actions

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Criminal Offenses

The criminal history information, if any exists, may be incomplete; federal criminal history information is not available to the public. Information is verified by the Department at the time of initial licensure and renewal.

This practitioner has indicated that he/she has no criminal offenses required to be published on this profile.

**Medicaid Sanctions and Terminations**

This practitioner has not been sanctioned or terminated for cause from the Medicaid program.

**Final Disciplinary Actions Reported by the Department of Health within the last 10 years:**

The information below is self reported by the practitioner.

**Final disciplinary action taken by a specialty board within the last 10 years:**

This practitioner has indicated that he/she has \*NOT\* had any final disciplinary action taken against him/her within the last 10 years by a specialty board.

**Final disciplinary action taken by a licensing agency within the last 10 years:**

This practitioner has indicated that he/she has \*NOT\* had any final disciplinary action taken against him/her within the last 10 years by a licensing agency.

**Disciplinary action taken by a health maintenance organization, pre-paid health clinic, nursing home, licensed hospital or ambulatory surgical center within the last 10 years:**

This practitioner has indicated that he/she has \*NOT\* had any final disciplinary action taken against him/her within the last 10 years by a health maintenance organization, pre-paid health clinic, nursing home, licensed hospital or ambulatory surgical center.

The following discipline has been reported as required under 456.041(5), F.S. within the previous 10 years.

**Resignation from or non-renewal of medical staff membership or the restriction or revocation of staff privileges within the last 10 years by a health maintenance organization, pre-paid health clinic, nursing home, licensed hospital or ambulatory surgical center in lieu of or in settlement of a pending disciplinary case related to competence or character.**

This practitioner has indicated that he/she has \*NEVER\* been asked to or allowed to resign from or had any medical staff privileges restricted or revoked within the last 10 years by a health maintenance organization, pre-paid health clinic, nursing home, licensed hospital or ambulatory surgical center.

**Liability Claims Exceeding \$100,000.00 Within last 10 years.**

Settlement of a claim may occur for a variety of reasons that do not necessarily reflect negatively on the professional competence or conduct of the physician. A payment settlement of a medical malpractice action or claim should not be construed as creating a presumption that medical malpractice has occurred.

**Additional claims information may have been reported to the Department of Financial Services. To check their web site, please click [here](#).**

The following liability actions have been reported as required under section 456.049, F. S., within the previous 10 years:

Incident Date	County	Judicial Case	Settlement Date	Amount	Policy Amount
11/22/2016	POLK	2018-CA-0020200	04/29/2019	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00

**Optional Information**

**Committees/Memberships**

This practitioner has not indicated any committees on which they serve for any health entity with which they are affiliated.

**Professional or Community Service Awards**

This practitioner has not provided any professional or community service activities, honors, or awards.

**Publications**

This practitioner has not provided any publications that he/she authored in peer-reviewed medical literature within the last ten years.

**Professional Web Page**

This practitioner has not provided any professional web page information.

**Languages Other Than English**

This practitioner has indicated that the following languages other than English are used to communicate with patients, or that a translation service is available for patients, at his/her primary place of practice.  
SPANISH

**Other Affiliations**

This practitioner has not provided any national, state, local, county, or professional affiliations.

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