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Dr. Villagra is the Associate Director of the University of Connecticut Health Disparities Institute. He is leading initiatives aimed at enhancing the value of health insurance for underserved populations. Prior to his current role he served as Visiting Health Policy Scholar at the Ethel Donaghue Center for Translating Research into Practice and Policy at the same institution.

Dr. Villagra is Founder and President of Health & Technology Vector, Inc. a consulting company in population health, technology assessment and delivery system redesign. The company has been in operations for 18 years. Dr. Villagra has worked with senior management teams of a diverse client base in the US, Europe, Japan, and Latin America. H&TVector clients include insurance companies, government entities, academic institutions,

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Dr. Villagra served as National Medical Executive at CIGNA HealthCare with responsibilities for population health, technology assessment and health plan quality accreditation. He is past president of the Disease Management Association of America. He has served as an advisor the Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid in a variety of subjects including federal policy on genetic testing, use of electronic health records to improve quality, the Medicare Modernization Act Chronic Care Initiative and other topics. He was co-chair of the Health Technology Workgroup of the State of Connecticut Office of Health Reform and Innovation. In this capacity, he has collaborated with the Connecticut Health Care Cabinet in the planning of the state's health information technology infrastructure and data coordination with special emphasis on interoperability, security, privacy and consumer user friendliness.

Dr. Villagra received his M.D. degree from the University of Costa Rica, where he graduated at the top of his class. He trained in Internal Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he also served as Chief Medical Resident. Subsequently he completed an NIH-sponsored Faculty Development Fellowship in General Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at the same institution. He is board-certified in Internal Medicine and is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. He practiced internal medicine at the Geisinger Medical Center in Pennsylvania. Over the years Dr. Villagra has served on multiple boards including the Connecticut Health Foundation and Genomas, Inc. He is presently a member of the Advisory Council of the Hastings Center Bioethics Research Institute.

Dr. Villagra and his wife Eugenia live full time in Noank, CT where they volunteer for local civic and government organizations. He is a devoted classical guitar player and an enthusiastic sailor.