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Background

Dora Barilla (DrPH, MPH, CHES) is a native of Southern California and has a life-long interest in improving the health of her community. Her publications and articles have focused on health reform through innovative and community based approaches to health improvement.

Dora is the daughter of a veteran of both World War II and the Korean War and has a strong sense of commitment to the veterans and our first responders. She also has a deep appreciation for the power of faith in the healing process.

Dora has appeared as a guest speaker for KVCR, The World Healthcare Congress, The Centers for Disease Control, and has given numerous radio interviews to NPR. She is the founder of the Southern California Health Summit and continues to raise awareness regarding the importance of fiscally responsible health reform.

Dora has a B.S. in Sports Medicine from Pepperdine University and a DrPH in Public Health from Loma Linda University, where she is currently a faculty member in the Health Policy and Management Department. She is also the executive director and founder of a not-for-profit organization, Partners for Better Health, which promotes health initiatives in local communities.

Topics

- *Faith Based Community* – The Power of Prayer in the Healing Process
- *Medical Community* – Faith and Support: The Missing Link for Trauma Patients
- *Families of TBI* – Persevering Through the Storm
- *General Public* – Healing: The Power of Community

Books

A New Day: A true story of healing, faith, and miracles

Dora Barilla has also contributed articles focusing on health reform, healthy communities, social support, and health improvement for the *The American Journal of Maternal Child Nursing*, *The Summary Report: How to Build an American Health System*, and *Christian Place Magazine*.