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Dr. Lester Martinez-Lopez is currently serving as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs. He is the principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense and the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness for all Department of Defense health and force health protection policies, programs, and activities.

Dr. Martinez is a family medicine physician who retired from the U.S. Army as a Major General. He was the first Latino to head the Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, where he directed the Army's worldwide medical research, acquisition, and logistics program. His experience in

military medicine also includes directing a worldwide public health organization as the Commanding General of the Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, as well as command of three military hospitals. After retiring from the U.S. Army, he served as the Chief Medical Officer at the Brandon Regional Hospital in Florida and Senior Vice President and Administrator of the Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital in Texas.

Dr. Martinez graduated from the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine with a Doctor of Medicine degree. He earned a Master of Public Health degree from Johns Hopkins University.