NYLPI’s Medical Provider Network is a growing network of professionals who review medical records, develop advocacy letters, visit clients in detention facilities, conduct in-person consultations or medical interviews, or provide testimony for cases. The power of our volunteer’s expertise can be a force of change and is used in advocacy for better care while detained, requests for release, and in underlying immigration cases.

This medical-legal-community partnership is supported by 95 volunteers who are dedicated to raising awareness of conditions in immigration detention in medical spaces.

### 2019 Data Summary

#### Detention Data
- **Cases Received**: 42
- **Medical Pages Reviewed**: 10k+
- **Cases Serviced**: 28
- **Medical Records Reviewed**: 21
- **In-Person Detention Evaluation Completed**: 12
- **Medical Advocacy Letters Written**: 21

#### Notable Case Patterns
- **High** number of forensic evaluations completed
- **High** gender disparity- 4 cases focused on women
- **High** need for psychological evaluations
- **High** demand of medical evaluation services for individuals not detained

#### Top Health Concerns In Detention
- **Failure** to Manage Chronic Disease
- **Inadequate** Treatment for Acute Pain
- **Failure** to Provide Adequate Treatment
- **Ignored** Mental Health Diagnosis

#### Reasons for Not Taking Cases
- Attorney/Advocate never followed up
- Client was released prior to NYLPI support
- Case need was outside of scope of service
- Client was denied relief and did not want to appeal court’s decision
2019
Case Highlight

Inocencio Roman Solano

Mr. Solano, a loving father of three, was torn from his home and family by ICE officials despite his declining health. Mr. Solano suffered from serious chronic health issues including liver disease and insulin-dependent Type II diabetes. During his eighteen-month long detention at Bergen County Jail, he received woefully substandard care for his medical conditions and without proper medical treatment at Bergen County jail, his life was at risk.

A medical evaluation from a volunteer from the Medical Provider Network found that, without immediate access to proper care, Mr. Solano was at risk of severe complications to his long-term health, including foot amputation, coma, and death.

Mr. Solano was release on parole on July 2019 due to the undying efforts of community and medical advocates. Now, living at home Mr. Solano is allowed to continue fighting his ongoing case with his legal team, while receiving the care he needs from his medical providers.

The Referral Process

- Attorney reaches out to NYLPI
- NYLPI receives referral email
- Intake call and data collection between NYLPI and attorney
- Signed HIPAA Form received
- Medical Records received
- NYLPI reaches out to network and connects with volunteer
- Medical volunteer is on-boarded to the case
- Medical volunteer reviews available medical records and visits client in detention for an evaluation
- Volunteer writes medical advocacy letter
- NYLPI Staff sends the medical letter to the client’s attorney
- Attorney receives the final medical letter and submits it to the court

2019 Volunteer Spotlight

Dr. Chanelle Diaz

Dr. Chanelle Diaz joined the network in early 2018. Throughout her time in the network, she has supported countless medical advocacy cases, supervised numerous residents in training and spearheaded multiple advocacy efforts. In 2019 alone, Dr. Diaz supported three medical advocacy cases and had a key role in Mr. Solano’s release from Bergen County in July 2019. Today, she is leading the development of a residency track focused on immigrant health equity in her home institution and is a member of the Medical Provider Network Steering Committee.
I have had an incredible experience working with NYPLI for the past year. I've long been interested in doing asylum work, and had previously completed trainings but was never sure how to get engaged. NYPLI made it very easy- they are responsive, thoughtful, and flexible. I am so grateful to them for allowing me to connect with this valuable work, and encourage others to get involved!
Dr. Rubayat Qadeer
Member since 2018
Volunteer Spotlight

Rubayat “Ricky” Qadeer, MD, AAHIVS is a Bangladeshi-American immigrant from Queens, New York. He is currently a family physician in the South Bronx for Montefiore Medical Center and the Children’s Health Fund, and is a clinical instructor at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. An advocate for marginalized populations including families experiencing homelessness, people living with HIV, and immigrant families, he also serves as a mentor for underrepresented students seeking careers in medicine. Dr. Qadeer’s immigration advocacy includes his current role as a member of Terra Firma, a medical-legal partnership for unaccompanied children (UIC) and adults with children (AWC). In his ongoing volunteer work with NYPLI, he has collaborated with Dr. Carolina Miranda on medical evaluations for detained people and the two have successfully written medical affidavits for asylum seeking individuals.

Volunteer Reflection
Dr. Carolina Miranda

I am a third year Family Medicine resident at Montefiore’s Department of Family and Social Medicine. My experiences growing up in Peru allowed me to understand some of the challenges those seeking asylum face. I especially appreciate how difficult it can be to advocate for oneself with limited English proficiency and feel fortunate to be able to communicate with clients in their native language. NYLPI and my mentor Ricky Qadeer allow me to use my background to further justice for immigrants through writing medical affidavits. Although at times difficult, this work is filled with examples of resilience and hope and I am grateful to participate in it.
IMMIGRANT HEALTH HEADLINES

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION SPOTLIGHTS NYLPI’S MEDICAL PROVIDER NETWORK
January 18, 2019

THE WAR ON IMMIGRANTS: SHOCKING MEDICAL CONDITIONS IN IMMIGRATION DETENTION
January 24, 2019

NYLPI JOINS WITH DOCTORS TO CALL FOR END TO IMMIGRATION DETENTION
July 16, 2019

NYLPI ADVOCACY INSTRUMENTAL IN RELEASE OF SICK BRONX MAN FROM ICE CUSTODY
July 23, 2019

“MOST INDIVIDUALS I’VE SPOKEN TO TELL ME THAT THEY ARE TREATED LIKE ANIMALS.”
July 30, 2019

NYLPI TRAINS LAWYERS ACROSS AMERICA ABOUT MEDICAL RIGHTS FOR PEOPLE IN IMMIGRATION DETENTION
October 21, 2019

ICE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS PAY $1.725M AFTER “DISCHARGING AND DUMPING” IMMIGRANTS WITH MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSES
November 20, 2019

USA TODAY INVESTIGATION OF IMMIGRATION DETENTION FACILITIES CITES NYLPI’S GROUNDBREAKING WORK
December 20, 2019