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Dr. Oquendo is the Ruth Meltzer Professor and Chairman of Psychiatry at University of Pennsylvania and Psychiatrist-in-Chief at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She is a summa cum laude graduate of Tufts University and attended Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University. She completed residency at Payne Whitney Clinic, New York Hospital, Weil-Cornell. Until 2016, she was Professor of Psychiatry and Vice Chairman for Education at Columbia. In 2017, she was elected to the National Academy of Medicine, one of the highest honors in medicine.

Dr. Oquendo has used Positron Emission Tomography and Magnetic Resonance Imaging to map brain abnormalities in mood disorders and suicidal behavior. Her expertise ranges from psychopharmacology to Global Mental Health. She has over 450 peer-reviewed publications and an h-factor of 77 with over 18,000 citations.

Dr. Oquendo is Past President of the American Psychiatric Association (APA), the International Academy of Suicide Research and the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP). She is President of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's Board of Directors, Vice President-Elect of the College of International Neuropsychopharmacology and has served on the National Institute of Mental Health's Advisory Council. She is a Fellow of the ACNP, APA and American College of Psychiatrists (ACP). Dr. Oquendo is a member of Tufts University's Board of Trustees, serves on its Executive Committee and chairs Tufts' Academic Affairs Committee.

A recipient of multiple awards in the US, Europe and South America, most recently, she was honored with the Virginia Kneeland Award for Distinguished Women in Medicine (Columbia University 2016), the Award for Mood Disorders Research (ACP 2017), the Alexandra Symonds Award (APA 2017), the APA's Research Award (2018) and the Dolores Shockley Award (ACNP 2018).