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Dr. Ruppert graduated with honors from the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine, where she was the recipient of the American Medical Women's Association Marie Glasgow Award and the Society of Family Medicine Teaching Award. Upon completion of her Family Medicine residency and achievement of Board Certification in the American Board of Family Medicine, she worked in a faculty medicine practice for her alma mater, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, in Paterson, New Jersey, until she moved her practice further north into New York State. She worked for many years in a private internal medicine practice in Orange County, New York, during which time she became credentialed by IPRO as a Physician Consultant and performed Medicare and Medicaid chart reviews. Dr. Ruppert then joined the medical staff at the renowned New York State Department of Health's Helen Hayes

Rehabilitation Hospital, where she became the Medical Director of Employee Health Services, the Physician Liaison to Admissions, President of the Medical Staff, and Chairperson of the Medical Executive and Credentialing Committees, in addition to an active inpatient service.

In 2013, she was appointed as the Commissioner of Health and then additionally, the Commissioner of Hospitals of Rockland County, NY. She continues to lead the health department with 230 full and part-time employees with a \$73 million budget and which has consistently been in the top three of the healthiest counties in New York State, including the highest rank during her tenure.

Dr. Ruppert received her Master of Public Health in Health Policy and Management from the Mailman School of Public Health of Columbia University, where she was a Gorman, Macy and Public Health Scholar. She maintains her Diplomate status in the American Board of Family Medicine.

Dr. Ruppert is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at Columbia University Medical Center and a Distinguished Lecturer in Epidemiology and Community Medicine at New York Medical College. She is an Honorary Attending at Helen Hayes Hospital.

Dr. Ruppert was honored with the Degree of Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians, has been elected as a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine, where she was selected as a Fellows Ambassador for 2016-2017, and was recently elected as a member of the Alumni Board of Directors of the Mailman School of Public Health of Columbia University. Dr. Ruppert is currently a Certified Physician Executive candidate.