

# Enrique Lau Cortes

## Director of the Caja de Seguro Social, Panama



Enrique Lau Cortes is a Physician, Specialist in Internal Medicine, Medical Pulmonology and Critical Medicine and Intensive Care. He has a PhD in Sciences with Subspecialization in Medical Pulmonology, Master's Degree in Health Economics and Health Services Management.

Key positions held so far in his career include:

- International Consultant for PAHO-WHO.
- Advisor in the Health Sector in various countries, on Political Management and Governance issues.
- Deputy Controller General of the Republic of Panama.
- General Director of Planning and Evaluation of the University of Panama
- Creator of the new Faculty of Engineering of the University of Panama and its new academic model

His career as a doctor, humanist, administrator and academic has been characterized by his leadership. In addition to being a student of medicine and economics, he has ventured into areas of knowledge of strategic planning, alternative engineering and security.

Currently, he is General Director of the Social Security Fund. Significantly, he completed the construction of the City of Health, a complex hospital located in Panama City, Panama. The construction of this work began more than 10 years ago. This work was inaugurated on January 17, 2024 by the President of the Republic, Laurentino Cortizo. This Mega health facility has 1,368 hospitalization beds, 256 intensive care units, 67 semi-intensive units, 24 anesthesia recovery sections, 51 operating rooms for surgeries and 313 medical offices. In addition, it has four hospitals: the Pediatric, the Surgical, the Clinical and the Cancerology. All of high complexity with operating rooms, hospital beds and modern medical technical equipment.