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Maria A. Loza, DMD, MS is originally from Puerto Rico from Cuban antecessors. She graduated magna cum laude in science from the University of Puerto Rico. She received her Doctor in Medicine Dentistry from the UPR School of Dental Medicine in 1994, followed by a certificate in prosthodontics and a master's degree in oral biology from the Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University. She returned to the UPR School of Dental Medicine as a faculty in the Restorative Sciences Department for 21 years and served as prosthodontics section director and program director of the prosthodontics postdoctoral program. She is a diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and a fellow of the American College of Prosthodontics. Her research interest is in implant prosthesis outcome assessment, topic that she has been studying and published. She has been selected to participate in several leadership institutes: in 2006, the Higher Education Leadership Institute (HERS); in 2017, the ADEA Leadership Institute and in 2020, the UTHealth Executive Leadership Institute.

In 2018 she relocated in Texas where she was named chair of the Department of Restorative Dentistry and Prosthodontics at the University of Texas, School of Dentistry at Houston and she holds the Yun J. Ahn and Song Ahn, DDS, Professorship in Implant Dentistry. Under her leadership, she supported the integration of digital dentistry in all of the department's courses and supported the creation of the dental students implant clinic. In 2020 and 2021, she was selected by the UTSD Office of Professional Development and Faculty Affairs to be included in the UTSD "Women in Dentistry Panel" for Women in Dentistry Month, and in 2021 she was elected by the UTSD Student Chapter of the Texas Association of Women Dentists (TAWD) to be interviewed and exhibited as an outstanding woman in dentistry. Recently, she was selected by ADEA as the 2022 Enid Neidle Scholar-in-Residence and she is being funded by National Science Foundation (NSF) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on two different collaborative projects.

Marie Angie, as her friends and family calls her, enjoys being outdoors with her husband and two sons, either hiking, camping, or playing golf.