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Lieutenant Commander Daphne Morrison Ponce received her commission upon graduation from the United States Naval Academy in 2007, where she earned a Bachelor of Science, with distinction, in Ocean Engineering. She attended Harvard Medical School via the Navy Health Professional Scholarship Program, earning a Doctorate in Medicine in 2011.

She completed an Emergency Medicine internship and residency through the Naval Active Duty Delay for Specialists (NADDS) program in Boston, MA at the Harvard Affiliated Emergency Medicine Residency (HAEMR) training at Massachusetts General Hospital, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Boston Children's Hospital. Additionally, she served as Chief Resident prior to graduation in 2015.

In 2015, she transitioned to active duty and reported to Naval Medical Center Portsmouth (NMCP). She assumed the responsibilities of Assistant Program Director coordinating training of the rotating medical students and emergency medicine interns. During this time, she supported Hurricane Maria relief efforts onboard the USNS COMFORT providing aid to Puerto Rico in 2017.

She completed a Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship at the University of Michigan from 2018-2020. After fellowship, she returned to NMRTC-P as the Associate Program Director in July of 2020. In June 2021, she was selected to be the Program Director of the Emergency Medicine Residency at NMRTC-P.

Lieutenant Commander Morrison Ponce is board-certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine and subspecialty boarded in Pediatric Emergency Medicine. She holds an appointment as Assistant Professor of Military and Emergency Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. She was awarded the Teaching Award (2) from the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship and military awards include Navy and Marine Corps Commendation (2), Armed Forces Service Medal, and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

Lieutenant Commander Morrison Ponce has two boys in grade school.