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As a teenager growing up in New York City, I remember watching Sabado Gigante, the “new” Univision variety show on Saturday nights. I put “new” in quotes because, although I didn’t know it at the time, the show had actually started airing in Chile years before I was born.

Don Francisco, the host of the show, has been compared to the late U.S. variety show host Ed Sullivan. The comparison is not without merit. Don Francisco is a familiar face to many millions of people in the United States and Latin America. He is liked and respected by most of them.

So it made sense that in 2013, as a person with diabetes, he became the face of a new campaign to increase awareness of the disease among Latinos. The message is much needed, since diabetes disproportionately affects Latinos. Click here to read more about Don Francisco.

Unfortunately, Latinos are disproportionately affected by many other health problems, including hepatitis C and HIV/AIDS. Click here to find out what Latinos need to know about hep C. Click here to find out what Latinos need to fight HIV/AIDS stigma and get tested for the virus sooner.

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