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Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism
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EDUCATION:

UNDERGRADUATE / MEDICAL: Universidad Tecnologica de Pereira, Facultad de Ciencias de la Salud
Vereda La Julita, Pereira, Colombia 2005

CLINICAL TRAINING:

Fellowship University of South Florida
Tampa, FL
Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism
July 2010 – July 2012

Internship/Residency Seton Hall University / Trinitas Regional Medical Center
Elizabeth, NJ
Internal Medicine
July 2007 – July 2010

PRESENT APPOINTMENT: Staff Physician
Endocrinology section / Medical service
James A. Haley Veteran's Hospital and Clinics Tampa, FL.
2014 – present
Core Faculty; Assistant Professor (courtesy). Morsani College of Medicine. University of South Florida

BOARD CERTIFICATION:

American Board of Internal Medicine, 2010
American Board of Endocrinology, 2012

LICENSURE:

State of Florida, Medical license, current

Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) **Certified** (through July 2017)

Basic Life Support (BLS) **Certified** (through July 2017)

WORK EXPERIENCE

-James A. Haley V.A. Medical Center (JAH VA) **1/2014 – present**
Endocrinologist, involved in clinical practice, teaching and research.

-University of South Florida (USF) **1/2014 – present**
Assistant Professor of Medicine. Core faculty for the Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism fellowship program. I also participate in the education and evaluation of rotating medical students and residents of the programs Internal Medicine and Medicine/Pediatrics.

-Florida Hospital Carrollwood, Diabetes and Endocrinology Institute **7/2012 – 1/2014**
Medical Director of Diabetes and Endocrinology. Inpatient/Outpatient private practice. Physician champion for Diabetes initiatives: I lead a team awarded with Joint Commission Hospital Accreditation in Diabetes without any observations.

-C.W. Young V.A. Medical Center **10/2011 – 7/2012. 1/2014 – present**
Emergency Room Physician.

-H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center **7/2011 – 7/2012**
Intensive Care Unit Hospitalist: I provided care of new patient admissions and transfers to ICU.

-Punto Verde Clinica Los Rosales, Pereira, Colombia **3/2006 – 5/2006**
Emergency room physician for a tertiary center in the heart of Pereira, the most populated city in the region (Population 750,000).

-Hospital Santa Ana de los Caballeros, Colombia **3/2005 – 3/2006**
Staff physician for a rural hospital serving large rural community in preventive, primary care and emergency room duties.

ACHIEVEMENTS AS PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR

Student Teaching:

- 2014 – present: Preceptor third- and fourth-year medical students in endocrinology

Resident Teaching:

- Attending physician for the Diabetes and Endocrinology Resident/Fellow clinics at JAH VA 2014 – present
- Inpatient wards teaching-team in Internal Medicine at JAH VA, September 2014—Team included six medical students of third- and fourth-year, three residents
- Inpatient wards teaching-team in Internal Medicine at JAH VA, June 2015—Team included five medical students of third- and fourth-year, three residents

Fellow Teaching:

- Faculty preceptor for all Diabetes and Endocrinology clinics: Providing clinical education and supervision
- Faculty preceptor for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism inpatient consulting service at JAH VA and Tampa General Hospital
- Course Instructor for thyroid ultrasound and fine needle aspiration biopsies. 2014 – present

Faculty Teaching:

- Faculty development activity, class instructor: *“New concepts in teaching”*. June, 2014

NATIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

- *Machado M, Ramirez A*. Whooping cough-associated rib fractures: Should we look deeper? A case report of Cushing’s disease. Poster presented at AACE conference 2015
- *Domingo A, Ramirez A, Regales N, Villafranca A, Gomez-Daspet J*. U-500 Insulin Use in Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus Patients with High Insulin Resistance. Poster presented at Endocrine Society conference 2014
- *Abuchaibe C, Ramirez A, Morrison A*. Hypercalcemia Caused By Large Mediastinal Parathyroid Adenoma in a Patient with Familial Men1 - Moyamoya Disease Association. Abstract accepted for AACE 2016 Annual Meeting Congress.

LOCAL PRESENTATIONS:

- USF Internal Medicine, Tampa General Hospital noon conference series: *“Thyroid and adrenal emergencies”*. July, 2015
- USF Endocrinology Noon Conference Series. *“Uncommon Diseases for Endocrinology Board Exam + Basic Genetics”*. April, 2015
- USF Internal Medicine, JAH VA noon conference series: *“Male hypogonadism”*. January, 2015
- USF Internal Medicine, JAH VA noon conference series: *“Pituitary diseases”*. January, 2015
- USF Internal Medicine, Tampa General Hospital noon conference series: *“Cushing Syndrome”*. July, 2015
- USF Internal Medicine, Tampa General Hospital noon conference series: *“Male hypogonadism”*. March, 2014
- USF Endocrinology Noon Conference Series. *“Transition to Insulin pumps”*. April, 2014
- USF Endocrinology Noon Conference Series. *“What’s New about Vitamin D?”*. May, 2013
- USF Endocrinology Noon Conference Series. *“Endocrine Care of Transgender Patients”*. May, 2012

- USF Internal Medicine, Tampa General Hospital noon conference series: “*Male hypogonadism*”. January, 2012

PUBLICATIONS:**Books:**

- Sterrett A, Ramirez A, Bateman H. *Systemic bone diseases: Medical and rehabilitation intervention in Pathology and Intervention in Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation: second edition*. Magee DJ, Zachazewski JE, Quillen WS, Manske, RC (editors). St. Louis, Elsevier Health Sciences Publishing. 2015.

Peer-Reviewed Publications:

- *Abuchaibe, C, Ramirez A, Morrison, A*. Hypercalcemia caused by large mediastinal parathyroid adenoma in a patient with familial MEN1 - Moyamoya disease association. Abstract, AACE Annual Meeting 2016, accepted.
- *Machado M, Ramirez A*. Whooping cough-associated rib fractures: Should we look deeper? A case report of Cushing’s disease. Abstract, AACE Annual Meeting Congress 2015.
- *Domingo A, Ramirez A, Regales N, Villafranca A, Gomez-Daspet J*. U-500 Insulin Use in Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus Patients with High Insulin Resistance. Abstract, Endocrine Society conference 2014.

Non Peer-Reviewed Publications:

- *Ramirez A, Kaur P*. Legionnaire's disease associated with rhabdomyolysis and acute renal failure: case report. ACP NJ Chapter Abstract Competition.
- *Ramirez A, Khorsandi S*. Iliacus muscle abscess in an intravenous drug user, a very rare condition: Case Report. ACP NJ Chapter Abstract Competition / Seton Hall University 20th annual research colloquium.

AWARDS AND ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Joint Commission Hospital Certification in Diabetes, December, 2013. I served as Medical Director of Diabetes and Endocrinology at Florida Hospital Carrollwood, Tampa, FL. I lead efforts and team which achieved this distinguished certification without any observations
- Special Distinction for performance in the ECAES examination, celebrated during Universidad Tecnológica De Pereira Medical School 29th Anniversary in 2006
- Awarded Distinguished Graduate Student for high academic performance during medical school, Universidad Tecnológica De Pereira Medical School, 2005.
- Top sixth nationwide on *Exam of Quality of Superior Education: Medicine (ECAES)*, Colombia, 2004 (3329 doctors of medicine examinees)
- Awarded scholarships for High Academic Performance in several semesters through medical school studies (semesters second 1998, second 1999, first 2002, second 2003, first 2004), Universidad Tecnológica De Pereira Medical School
- Awarded Best High School Graduate Student, 1996. Instituto Tecnico Superior, Pereira

- Awarded Best High School Student, 1994. Instituto Tecnico Superior, Pereira
- Awarded Scholarships for Academic Performance in middle and High School: Years 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995. Instituto Tecnico Superior, Pereira

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEES

- Physician Champion for endocrinology section in transition to ICD-10. JAH VA
January/2015 – present
- Assistant Chief of Endocrinology Section, JAH VA
January/2014 – present
- Medical Director of Diabetes and Endocrinology at Florida Hospital Carrollwood, Tampa, FL.
July/2012 – January/2014
- Member of Institutional Review Board, Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth, NJ
July/2008 – July/2010

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists
- American Diabetes Association
- United States Colombian Medical Association

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Reading, running, learning languages, sports, and traveling

MISCELLANEOUS

- Married and father of two boys.
- Skilled with computers and multimedia, as well as several electronic medical record systems

Language Fluency (Other than English): Spanish (written and spoken)

PERSONAL REFERENCES

- Anthony Morrison, MD. Director of USF Endocrinology.
Mobile telephone: (813) 857-8805
- Joaquin Gomez-Daspert, MD. Chief Endocrinology section, JAH VA
Mobile telephone: (813) 541-3832
- Pedro Troya, MD. Staff Endocrinologist, JAH VA
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- Arunabha Gangopadhyaya, MD. Staff Endocrinologist, JAHVA
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