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Personal Information

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BIO

Born to a 3 generation family of physician, I started my professional life in Guayaquil-Ecuador. With serendipity and imagination, I forced the boundaries of local resources to latter become a physician-scientist. Besides a substantial and internationally recognized scientific collaboration focused on thromboembolism prevention and peri-operative anticoagulation, with the skills I have obtained on research methodology and thrombosis, I find joy on mentoring early career physicians.

Having observed limitations to access of care both in developing countries and first world healthcare environments, I decided to pursue additional training with a Healthcare-MBA as well as additional understanding of behavioral economics. Honing on these new skills, I am pivoting my research interests Value-Based healthcare and I also created a foundation to promote thrombosis awareness in the community. My goal is to scientifically explore strategies to add quality and service to our patients without generating unnecessary financial burden and waste.

I am married and have 2 young children whom I include in outside passions of photography and cooking.

Professional History

Current.-

2015 – Date	Vascular Medicine Director NorthShore University Health Systems
2015 – Date	Pulmonary Embolism Response Team, Team Leader NorthShore University Health Systems
2017 – Date	Anticoagulation Clinic Medical Director NorthShore University Health Systems
2018 – Date	Editorial Board Member Thrombosis Haemostasis Open
2018 – Date	Vice President-North American Chapter International Union of Angiology
2019 – Date	Medical Director of Cardiovascular Research. Northshore University Health Systems
2019 – Date	Clinical Associate Professor University of Chicago
2019 – Date	Secretary. Scientific Committee International Union of Angiology
2019 – Date	PACO Foundation Promoting Awareness of Clotting Outcomes Foundation. President, Board of Directors

Former.

2015 – 2019	Clinical Assistant Professor University of Chicago
2010 – 2015	Vascular Medicine Faculty Assistant Professor of Medicine, Oklahoma University Health and Science Center
2013 - 2015	Associate Member Peggy and Charles Stephenson Cancer Center
2009 - 2010	Vascular Medicine Fellowship Mayo Clinic Rochester, MN
2006 - 2009	Categorical Resident of Internal Medicine Mayo Clinic Rochester, MN
2004 - 2006	Teaching Assistant of Internal Medicine Universidad de Guayaquil Guayaquil - Ecuador
2004 - 2006	Member of Toxicology Crew of Hospital Leon Becerra Guayaquil – Ecuador
2003 - 2004	Rural Medical Doctor for Public Health Ministry Hospital Regional El Triunfo – Ecuador
1999 - 2001	Toxicology Staff at Hospital Luis Vernaza Guayaquil – Ecuador

Education**Medical School:**

1996 – 2000 Universidad Católica de Guayaquil
Facultad de Ciencias Médicas
Guayaquil - Ecuador

2000 – 2003 Universidad de Guayaquil
Facultad de Ciencias Médicas
Guayaquil – Ecuador

Residency:

2006 – 2009 Mayo Clinic Internal Medicine Residency Program
Rochester Minnesota

Fellowship:

2009 – 2010 Mayo Clinic Vascular Medicine Fellowship
Rochester Minnesota

Master's Degree:

2011 – 2013 Clinical and Translational research
University of Oklahoma Health and Science Center
Oklahoma City – Oklahoma

2020 – Ongoing Master's in Business Administration- Healthcare focus
Quinlan School of Business
Loyola University

Certificates

2011 Registered Physician Vascular Interpreter.
By ARDMS

2021 Behavioral Economics.
Booth School of Business. University of Chicago
Ongoing

Board Certification(s)

2004	USMLE Step 1
2005	USMLE Step 2
2005	USMLE CS
2005	ECFMG Certification
2005	USMLE Step 3
2009	ABIM Board Certified (Renewed)
2010	ARDMS RPVI Registered
2010	ABVM Board Certified

Recognitions / Awards

1996 – 2003	Top Score in Period. Per academic year.
1996 – 2003	Top Ten of Medical Graduates of University of Guayaquil School of Medicine
2003	Top ten percent of graduates
	Ecuadorian Coast Region Medical Faculties
2004	Centro de Investigaciones Médico Quirúrgicas (CIMEQ) President of Session during "Toxicologia 2004"
	La Habana - Cuba
2008	Mayo International Health Program Grant International Rotation awardee Los Mochis - Mexico.
	Best Research Poster Regional
2008	Society of General Internal Medicine Arizona
2009	PAD workshop Selected Stipend Attendance. American Heart Association. Illinois
2010	College of Medicine Grant Award Oklahoma City
2014	Outstanding Academic Achievement. Graduate Student Association Award. Oklahoma University Health and Sciences Center.
2015 – Date	Editorial Board Member of Revista Medica. ISSN 1390-7530

2015	Research Update Speaker, Young Investigator. 2015 Oklahoma University College of Medicine Evening of Excellence 2015.
2016 – Date	In recognition for awarded research funding Guidelines committee member: Peri procedural anticoagulation management American College of Chest Physicians.
2016	Grant Reviewer for the American Heart Association. Thrombosis council
2016 – Date	Technical Advisory Committee Member VTE prophylaxis.
2017	The Joint Commission Top scored poster International Society of Thrombosis and Haemostasis Berlin – Germany
2018	CLOT Grant reviewer for Cancer-Associated Thrombosis National Institute of Health Bethesda- Washington
2018	Session Moderator International Union of Angiology. XXVIII Congress Beijing- China
2019	Guideline Member. Peri Procedural anticoagulation. Scientific Standardization Committee of the International Society on Thrombosis and Hemostasis
2019	Outstanding Contribution to Medical Education Internal Medicine Class of 2019 Northshore University HealthSystem

Professional Memberships and Societies

2007 - 2010	American Geriatric Society Associate Member
2006 - 2015	American College of Physicians Associate Member
2009 - Date	Society for Vascular Medicine Fellow Member
2009 - Date	American Heart Association Premium Professional Member
2010 - Date	American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonography Registered Member
2010 - Date	International Union of Angiology Fellow Member
2014 - Date	International Society of Thrombosis Haemostasis Member
2019 - Date	American College of Cardiology Fellow Member
2019 – Date	American Venous Forum Distinguished Fellow Member

Value-Based Healthcare Initiatives.

In 2015, on arrival to NorthShore University Healthsystem, created a Pulmonary Embolism response team and a multidisciplinary team for scientific and quality review of thrombosis initiatives. I head monthly meetings to discuss new scientific literature and internal process optimization. Since, larger projects primarily including this team have included:

2017- 2018	Institutional standardization of Peri Operative Anticoagulation Management. We created and evidence based protocol to update information on recommended interruption of anticoagulants. Stakeholders from surgical and interventional specialties interviewed fro agreement.
2017 – 2018	Personalized thrombosis risk stratification is consuming to the clinician in charge. We envisioned the possibility of creating a patient responded assessment. We validated a patient responded score with near excellent agreement to the standard Caprini risk score and in partnership with co investigators, we have now validated to English, Spanish, Arabic, Chinesse and Polish.
2018	Implementation of a Direct Oral Anticoagulant surveillance clinic. With the advent of direct oral anticoagulants with multiple dosing indications it became increasingly evident there needed to be a service to facilitate monitoring. Thus, created protocol and training for pharmacist to provide this support.
2019	Leadership panel for standardization of thrombosis prophylaxis strategy for hospitalized patients. In a multidisciplinary extensive literature review, we created a proposition for surgical and non-surgical thromboprophylaxis.
2019	As a member of the The Joint Commission VTE6 we determined there was a paucity of resources to educate patients who are started on direct oral anticoagulants during hospitalization. As a follow up to this project we did a qualitative study to understand patient preferences and gaps of care among patients with new diagnosis of thromboembolism. Published results

- 2020 Implementation of Drive thru anticoagulation surveillance service to minimize COVID-19 exposure among chronically anticoagulated patients. The clinic has now been dissolved, but assisted on maintaining staff and patients unexposed during the peak of the pandemic. The idea also helped monitoring od intraocular pressure. The project was published.
- 2020 Thromboprophylaxis in severe COVID 19. Anchored on the prior experience, we rapidly implemented a facilitated risk stratification method fro COVID 19 patients to receive post discharge thrombosis prevention and early follow up as needed. In our review of outcomes, this process was associated with a mortality benefit among the patients with highest thrombotic likelihood as measured by a Caprini score (Manuscript accepted)
- 2020-2021 Launching of automated thrombosis risk scoring system in EMR and linked to optimal thromboprophylaxis strategies. Ongoing project to nudge clinicians to implement extended post discharge prevention when clinically indicated.
- 2021 Cardio-Diabetes Initiative. Partnering with Dr. Arman Qamar in Vascular Medicine, we are evaluating methods to increase utilization of optimal medical therapy for patients with diabetes at risk of cardiovascular vascular outcomes
- 2021 Plan to use psychosocial support to decrease hospitalizations. As Co- primary investigator with Dr. Mark Lampert, we are randomizing patients discharged with cardiovascular illness to receive targeted support after discharge aiming to increase satisfaction and decrease rehospitalization rates.
- 2021 Know your Score project. We envisioned that to improve awareness and facilitate adherence to personalized thromboprophylaxis, we have piloted the use of the patient-responded Caprini Rsik score in the community. We have reached over 1300 individuals who responded to their score and we are currently analyzing the effect of this strategy as an awareness tool. Pending additional funding, we will explore this method as a cha bot tool.

Educational Activities

A. - Curriculum/Course Development and Coordination

2005

MECOR Ecuador 2005.
Host and Local Coordinator
Methods in Epidemiologic, Clinical & Operational Research. Sponsored by the American Thoracic Society.
Quito – Ecuador

2007

Ecuadorian Society of Internal Medicine
Curriculum development
Guayaquil Ecuador

2009

Ecuadorian Society of Internal Medicine
Curriculum development
Guayaquil Ecuador

2010 – 2015

Vascular Medicine Journal Club
Organizer.
University of Oklahoma Health and Sciences Center

2015 – Date

Clot Aware Support Group
I organize one of the largest thrombosis support groups in United States. We meet monthly to dictate a patient oriented lecture on thromboembolic disease and answer questions to facilitate their care. We meet most months.

2019

VTE Prevention Symposium
I coordinated, developed the curriculum and created post meeting material.
Evanston IL

2019

Clinical- Pathological collaboration in coagulation.
Collaborative meeting between NorthShore University Health System and Loyola University for a clinicopathological update on coagulation laboratory.
Meeting coordinator.
Evanston IL

2020

Management Thrombosis in patients with COVID 19
[Manejo del paciente con COVID 19 y Thrombosis]

Co-Host, Virtual meeting. Dictated in Spanish.
Universidad de Especialidades Espiritu Santo. (Ecuador)

2020 Controversies in Thrombosis prophylaxis during COVID 19 pandemic. Second Annual PACO symposium
Co-host with Lord Ajay Kakkar. International dissemination.
Co-sponsored with Loyola University and Northshore University HealthSystem

B. - Mentorship

- Angeline Opina MD. Angeline is a Medicine –Pediatrics resident at university of Oklahoma. I mentored her on vascular medicine and orientation towards her Pediatric Cardiology fellowship. She has finished projects on cerebral aneurysms. Carotid artery disease and is conducting a meta-analysis on DVT prophylaxis. Mentored until she became a Pediatric Cardiology fellow at Baylor - Texas.
- Minh Phan MD. Oklahoma University Heath and Sciences Center mentored as internal Medicine Resident. Minh was mentored on a Meta analysis to find the efficacy of primary thromboprophylaxis in patients with cancer receiving chemotherapy. His results were presented at the American Society of Hematology 2012. Coached him until he started as hematology-oncology fellow at OUHSC
- Omer Iftikar MD. Former Internal medicine resident at OUHSC. Finished projects include a meta-analysis on the use of cilostazol for peripheral artery disease stenting and a project on body composition and cancer associated thrombosis. Former Cardiology fellow at NorthShore University Health Systems, has presented his mentored research nationally. In addition, selected for presentation in the International society of thrombosis and hemostasis Berlin 2017, and ATVB 2017 for work on PERT.
- Harry Fuentes MD MSc. Former internal medicine resident, elected to a Chief resident year in Chicago Stroger hospital of Cook county. I have mentored him on 5 concurrent projects on cancer associated thrombosis. In addition, his master's degree thesis will be also on this topic, I was his thesis director. He is currently a Hematology-Oncology fellow at Mayo Clinic. Ongoing research mentoring, now recipient of an ASCO research grant.
- Juan Salazar Adum MD Internal Medicine resident and future Chief resident at NorthShore University Health Systems. I mentored him on an original manuscript

on calf deep vein thrombosis in patients with cancer and since, in multiple publications. Has ongoing thrombosis-related research

Dr. Salazar was selected to start a Cardiology Fellowship in the NorthShore University Healthsystem - University of Chicago program.

- Luis Diaz Quintero MD. Former Internal medicine resident at NorthShore University Health Systems I guided Luis in a project to use DOACs as alternative method for bridging to Coumadin. He has presented this work nationally. In addition, involved on a new project to evaluate likelihood of thrombosis in patients with pancreatic cancer. I am currently his mentor for a Masters Degree in research in affiliation with Drexler University. Selected to start Cardiology fellowship in Northwestern University.
- Iva Golemi MD. NorthShore University Health Systems Internal Medicine Resident. She has measured rate of cardiovascular outcomes in patients with Venous thromboembolism using the RIETE database. Presented Nationally a prospective Qualitative research study finding gaps of care among patients with VTE. Co-authored multiple abstracts in venous thromboembolism outcomes. Has matched to Cardiovascular Fellow class of 2024.
- Guillermo Tafur. Mentored in a project on HIV and rate of VTE which was presented as a poster in the International Union of Angiology in China 2018. In addition, presented an abstract on VTE trends in US specific to Hispanics. This won Guillermo the Paul Dudley and the Young investigator award at the American Heart Association meeting in Chicago 2018. Currently first year at Northwestern University
- Luis Paz Rios MD. Current Cardiology Fellow at Northshore University Health System. I started mentoring during his medical residency at John Stroger hospital. He has presented nationally and internationally more than 7 abstracts we have done together. This includes being runner up for the Jay Coffman award at the American Heart Association 2018. We have already published numerous manuscripts together with a focus on VTE in cardiovascular disease. Luis will be continuing his education as an interventional cardiology and vascular fellow at Massachusetts General Hospital.

C. – Teaching and Invited Speaking engagements

*International, Invited Speaker

- *2004** Snake Bite envenomation: Severity versus time to arrival to the emergency department.
Toxicologia 2004.
La Habana Cuba
- *2004** Mortality indicators after white phosphorus ingestion.
Toxicologia 2004.
La Habana Cuba
- 2007 Morbidity and mortality case presentation
Internal Medicine Mayo Clinic
- 2006 White matter hyper intensities
CDMJC Presentation
Internal Medicine Mayo Clinic
- 2007 Peri Interventional Bleeding.
Morbidity and mortality. Systems Audit
Internal Medicine Mayo Clinic
- 2008 Acute management of Snake bites.
Guayaquil – Ecuador
- *2008** *Coma: History and new scores.*
About FOUR score.
Los Mochis – Mexico
- 2009 Three-Month Cumulative Incidence of Thromboembolism and Bleeding After Periprocedural Anticoagulation
Management of Patients with Active Cancer.
American Society of Hematology National Meeting
New Orleans - Louisiana
- *2009** Anticoagulation of the patient with Cancer
XXIX Congreso Internacional de Medicina, Cirugia y especialidades, V Jornadas de Enfermeria, V Jornadas administrativas y II Casa abierta.
Guayaquil – Ecuador
- *2009** New risk factors for stroke in the patient with Atrial Fibrillation
XXIX Congreso Internacional de Medicina, Cirugia y especialidades, V Jornadas de Enfermeria, V Jornadas administrativas y II Casa abierta.
Guayaquil – Ecuador November
- 2009 Validation Of New Score System For Left Atrium Thrombus Risk Prediction In Atrial Fibrillation.
American Heart Association National Meeting

2010	Chicago – Illinois DVT, One too many. Gonda Vascular Center conference.
2010	Mayo Clinic, Rochester MN Cardiovascular Grand rounds: Cancer and DVT
2011	OUHSC, Oklahoma City OK Primary Care Conference: VTE Update
2011	Oklahoma City, OK American College of Cardiology OK chapter Peri Procedural anticoagulation management.
2011	Oklahoma City OK Road trip of an embolism. Vascular Grand Rounds
	Oklahoma University Health and Sciences Center
2011	Oklahoma City OK Approach to the swollen leg Medical students Curriculum
	Oklahoma University Health and Sciences Center
2011	Oklahoma City OK TCPO2 in peripheral artery disease testing Vascular Technologist lecture
	Oklahoma University Health and Sciences Center
2011	Oklahoma City OK Cancer Associated Thrombosis, prediction of VTE Medicine Grand rounds
	Oklahoma University Health and Sciences Center
2011	Oklahoma City OK Cancer associated thrombosis for the Oncologist. Educational activity for local oncologists
	Oklahoma City OK
2011	Nuestra Oklahoma. Venous Disease Televised presentation on venous diseases oriented to Spanish speaking population.
	Oklahoma City OK
2011	Peri Procedural anticoagulation Management ENT Grand Rounds
	Oklahoma University Health and Sciences Center
2011	Oklahoma City OK Vascular Medicine pearls in Diabetes. Diabetes Conference.
	Oklahoma City, OK.

2011	Voice of Diabetes. Radio interview on PAD and Diabetes Oklahoma City OK
*2012	Asymptomatic Carotid Artery Disease. Ecuadorian Society of Internal Medicine. Guayaquil – Ecuador
*2012	Cancer Associated Thrombosis. Ecuadorian Society of Internal Medicine. Guayaquil – Ecuador
2012	Venous Thrombo-Embolism update. Internal Medicine Residency Program Oklahoma University Health and Sciences Center Oklahoma City OK
<u>2012</u>	Venous Mapping Vascular Medicine Society National Meeting Minneapolis, MN 2012
<u>2012</u>	Updated Guidelines on Management of Aortic Arch American Heart Association National Meeting Los Angeles, CA
<u>2012</u>	Follow-up of Acute Deep Venous Thrombosis: Why, When and How? American Heart Association Los Angeles, CA
2012	Acute Limb Ischemia. Cardiovascular Fellows Oklahoma University Health and Sciences Center Oklahoma City OK
2012	Cardioembolic Stroke prediction. Cardiology Grand Rounds Oklahoma University Health and Sciences Center Oklahoma City OK Oklahoma City OK
2012	When to repeat an Ultrasound study?. Vascular Grand Rounds Oklahoma University Health and Sciences Center Oklahoma City OK
<u>2013</u>	The legacy of the AHA in Cancer Survivors “Cancer Associated Thrombosis” American Heart Association Dallas, TX
<u>2014</u>	Validation of a Cancer Associated Thrombosis prediction American College of Phlebology Scottsdale – Arizona

*2014	"Non invasive arterial evaluation in Hypertension" Latin American Society of Hypertension Annual Meeting Guayaquil – Ecuador
*2014	"Urgencies in Vascular Medicine" Hospital Luis Vernaza. Internal Medicine Grand Rounds Guayaquil – Ecuador
2014	Cancer associated Thrombosis Mayo Clinic Arizona Scottsdale- Arizona
2015	Vessel Stiffness. Vascular Grand Rounds Oklahoma University Health and Sciences Center OK Oklahoma City OK
2015	Upper extremity arterial evaluation Oklahoma University Health and Sciences Center Oklahoma City OK
2015	Pulmonary Embolism Response Team Medical Grand Rounds Oklahoma University Health and Sciences Center Oklahoma City OK
2015	Peripheral artery disease Update Internal Medicine Residency Program Northoshore University Health System Evanston, IL
2015	Cancer associated thrombosis. Challenges in prevention and treatment. Oncology Grand Rounds Kellogg Cancer Center, Evanston IL
2015	Cancer-Associated Thrombosis. Prediction for Prevention Pathology Grand Rounds. Loyola Medical Center. Maywood IL
2015	Advanced Venous Physiology Evanston Hospital. Evanston, IL
2015	Peripheral artery disease Update Cardiovascular Fellowship Program
2016	Pearls on management of DOACs American College of Cardiology IL Chapter Chicago, IL
*2016	"Direct oral anticoagulants Update" Hospital Luis Vernaza. Internal Medicine Grand Rounds Guayaquil – Ecuador

2016	VTE preceptorship. Evanston, IL
2016	How to use novel anticoagulants and when to avoid them. NorthShore-Mayo Clinic Cardiology update. Evanston – Illinois
2017	Peri Procedural anticoagulation Management in gynecological cases Northshore University Health Systems Evanston, IL
2017	Update on the management of thromboembolism Medical Grand Rounds Northshore University Health System
2017	Venous thromboembolism treatment in Spine surgery Northshore University Health System Evanston, IL
2017	Antiplatelets and Anticoagulants. Internal Medicine Resident lecture Northshore University Health System Evanston, IL
2017	Venous thromboembolism update. Lecture series for Cardiology Fellows Northshore University Health System Evanston, IL
*2017	Peri operative anticoagulation management. To bridge or a Bridge to nowhere. International Union of Angiology for Young Vascular MDs Prague, Czech Republic
*2017	VTE risk assessment including the Caprini score. International Union of Angiology for Young Vascular MDs Prague, Czech Republic
2017	To bridge or a bridge to nowhere. Updates in Medicine for the Primary care provider Northbrook, IL
*2017	Predictors of Mortality in Cancer-Associated thrombosis. RIETE experience Seville, Spain
2018	Anticoagulants and Antiplatelets. Internal Medicine Resident lecture Northshore University Health System Evanston, IL

2018	Perioperative anticoagulation Management Grand Rounds Combined Surgical Anesthesia Northshore University Health System Evanston, IL 2018.
2018	Anticoagulants Update. Update in Medicine for the Hospitalist Skokie IL
*2018	Peri operative anticoagulation management. To bridge or a Bridge to nowhere. International Union of Angiology for Young Vascular MDs Prague, Czech Republic
*2018	VTE risk assessment including the Caprini score. International Union of Angiology for Young Vascular MDs Prague, Czech Republic
*2018	Pathophysiology of Chronic Venous Disease International Union of Angiology for Young Vascular MDs Prague, Czech Republic
*2018	Haemostasis complications in Vascular Surgery International Union of Angiology for Young Vascular MDs Prague, Czech Republic
*2018	Therapy Updates in Cancer-Associated International Union of Angiology for Young Vascular MDs Prague, Czech Republic
*2018	Vasculitis for the Angiologist International Union of Angiology. XXVIII Congress Beijing- China
*2018	Pathogenesis of CVD and its management International Union of Angiology. XXVIII Congress Beijing- China
*2018	Discoveries in real life VTE treatment from RIETE International Union of Angiology. XXVIII Congress Beijing- China
*2018	Direct oral anticoagulants in Cancer-Associated Thrombosis International Union of Angiology. XXVIII Congress Beijing- China
*2018	Diagnostic modalities for DVT. Time to re-assess. International Union of Angiology. XXVIII Congress Beijing- China
*2018	Duration of anticoagulation in the management of VTE International Union of Angiology. XXVIII Congress Beijing- China

*2018	Peri Operative Anticoagulation: Past, present and future International Union of Angiology. XXVIII Congress Beijing- China Keynote Speaker
2019	Antiphospholipid Syndrome. Why do we take it seriously? Anticoagulation Clinic, Curriculum Update
*2019	Peri operative anticoagulation management. International Union of Angiology for Young Vascular MDs Prague, Czech Republic
*2019	VTE risk assessment including the Caprini score. International Union of Angiology for Young Vascular MDs Prague, Czech Republic
*2019	Vascular Malformations. International Union of Angiology for Young Vascular MDs Prague, Czech Republic
*2019	Management of the bleeding patient on DOAC International Union of Angiology for Young Vascular MDs Prague, Czech Republic
2019	Cancer Associated Thrombosis. Things we think we know. Hematology – Oncology Grand Rounds NorthShore University HealthSystem Evanston IL
2019	VTE prevention in the Medical patient. VTE Prevention Symposium 2019 Symposium Organizer
2019	Cancer – Associated Thrombosis Update Pathology Grand Rounds. Loyola Medical Center Maywood, IL
2020	VTE and COVID Era Cardiovascular Division Educational Rounds Evanston IL (Online Lecture)
2020	Cardiovascular Thrombosis and COVID 19 Cardiology Grand Rounds Oklahoma University HealthSystem Oklahoma City, US (Online Lecture)
2020	Elective and Emergency management of DOACs in patients who need surgery. American College of Surgeons 2020 Clinical Congress. (Online Lecture)
*2020	VTE Risk assessment XXIX World congress of the International Union of Angiology. Converted On line, Rome - Italy

- *2020 Cancer Associated Thrombosis. News in Prevention
 XXIX World congress of the International Union of
 Angiology. Converted On line, Rome – Italy
- *2020 VTE, a Global problem and a prevention opportunity
 XXIX World congress of the International Union of
 Angiology. Converted On line, Rome – Italy
- *2020 VTE prevention in Cancer Patients
 XXIX World congress of the International Union of
 Angiology. Converted On line, Rome - Italy
- 2020 Thromboembolism in COVID 19.
 Multidisciplinary Patient Oriented Seminar
 PACO Foundation. (Delivered Online, International participation)
 Chicago, IL
- *2020 Thromboroprophylaxis
 Brazilian Society of Thrombosis and Haemostasis.
 On line lecture for Brazilain physicians
- 2020 COVID – 19 Coagulopathy
 Chicago Surgical Society
 Chicago IL
- 2020 COVID – 19 Coagulopathy
 Review for Vascular Lab Technicians
 Evanston-IL
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Scholarly active

Funded / Sponsored projects

- 2002 Created Data dictionary and collected prospectively.
 Snake – Bite and Stroke.
 Published in Neurology 2002 by Mosquera et al.
- 2003 Study design, Collection, tabulation and statistical analysis:
 Hypersomnolence and snoring in Guayaquil – Ecuador.
 Results Presented in ERS-Glasgow 2004
- 2004 Data dictionary creation, tabulation and analysis of data:
 IX Ecuadorian Expedition to the Antarctic.
 Data on hypersomnolence and lipid levels.
 Published PI Galarza D. M.D. and Cherrez-Ojeda I. M.D.
- 2005 – 2006 QOLERS (Quality Of Life of Ecuadorian children with
 Rhinosinusitis and Snoring). Under supervision of Rand
 C.S. PhD, I wrote the mentioned protocol. I was the
 Principal Investigator. Results were presented during the
 American Thoracic Society National meeting 2007.
 Manupcript has been published. Primary Investigator
- 2006 – 2007 Use of Epinastine by Ecuadorian pediatricians.
 Study designed to describe the use of this drug by
 pediatricians of the 3 main cities of the country: Guayaquil,
 Quito and Cuenca. Sponsored by Boeringher Ingelheim
 Laboratories – Ecuador.
 Design and statistical analysis. Information presented in
 AIII meeting. Co Author
- 2007- 2009 FOUR (Full Outline of UnResponsiveness) Coma Score
 validation. Validation of a coma score to Spanish
 language. Published.
 Designed the study, co-author.

- 2009 – 2010 Description of the Mayo Clinic Thrombophilia Center for peri-procedural anticoagulation cohort, focusing on differences in outcomes of patients with and without malignancy. Analysis of the Mentored by Waldemar Wysokinski MD PhD. Presented: American Society of Hematology 2009. Manuscript published.
Co Investigator
- 2009 -2010. Prospective analysis of platelet RNA among patients with atrial fibrillation and comparison with post ablation platelet RNA. The principal investigator was Waldemar Wysokinski MD PhD. Data presented at Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology 2010 and American Heart Association. Manuscripts published.
Mayo Clinic Foundation grant. Co Investigator
- 2012– 2013 Validation of a new technique to measure rivaroxaban serum levels. Rivaroxabn levels were compared to other coagulation time techniques and we used chromatography as gold standard. i designed and analyzed the study. The results have been presented at ISTH 2013. Manuscript published. Funded by Stago Diagnostica
Co investigator
- 2013 – 2015 Lung cancer associated thrombosis. Large retrospective registry in conjunction with resources of Mayo Clinic and in collaboration with Dr. Aaron Mansfield. The goal was to understand predictors of cancer associated thrombosis and mortality specific to lung cancer.
Co Primary Investigator. Mayo Clinic Foundation Grant.
- 2011 – 2015 Cancer associated thrombosis. Novel biomarkers. Support granted by Oklahoma University College of Medicine and Diagnostica Stago to measure the value of novel biomarkers as potential predictors of chemotherapy associated venous thromboembolism in patients with solid tumor. Investigator Initiated. Published
- 2013 – 2015 Galectin 3 in peripheral artery disease. Evaluation of Gal-3 as a potential biomarker of peripheral artery stiffness. Co primary in conjunction with Dr. Ana Casanegra and Dr.

Andrew Gardner. CTSA Funded. Co Primary Investigator

2015	National Cancer Institute phase 1 database meta-analysis to evaluate likelihood of venous thromboembolism among patients with liver disease and cancer enrolled in phase 1 trials. Patient level meta-analysis. Collaboration with Dr. Aaron Mansfield MD, at Mayo Clinic.
2016	Hokusai Cancer. Use of Edoxaban compared to LMWH in the treatment of Cancer-Associated thrombosis. Site Primary Investigator.
2016– 2018	CASSINI. Randomized controlled trial for primary prevention of cancer associated thrombosis. Placebo versus rivaroxaban. Site Primary Investigator.
2016-2018	Apixaban in Cancer Associated Thrombosis. This study investigated the use of Apixaban compared to LMWH in the treatment of Cancer-Associated thrombosis. Site primary investigator.
2016-2018	PAUSE. This was the first large prospective study to define a perioperative strategy for interruption of anticoagulation among patients with atrial fibrillation on direct oral anticoagulants. Published. Site Primary Investigator.
2017- 2019	CANVAS. Therapy observational trial for patients with Cancer- Associated thrombosis. Site Primary Investigator. Guidelines changed and I decided to close site prior to completion due to conflict with standard of care.
2017- 2019	EPIC. End Stage renal disease Pneumatic intermittent Compression devices in patients with peripheral artery disease. Investigator initiated prospective trial to evaluate endothelial biomarkers and walking distance after use of arterial flow pumps during dialysis. Funded by BIOTAP

Current Research Activities

2015 - Date	RIETE member. International registry of patients with venous thromboembolism. The total number of collected patients is over 90,000. Projects for mentees derived from this database. Site Primary contact
2018 – Date	EVE. Randomized controlled trial between 2 doses of Apixaban for long term secondary prevention of Cancer-Associated Thrombosis. Site Primary Investigator
2019- Date	1.8 Million. SBIR NIH Grant for Recovery Force. Compression device development. Consultant and research collaborator. FDA clearance obtained.
2019- Date	Chronic Venous Thrombosis: Relief With Adjunctive Catheter-Directed Therapy (The C-TRACT Trial) Institutional PI
2019- Date	Validation of a Urine dipstick anticoagulant measurement technique and perioperative anticoagulation management protocol among patients with DOAC. National PI
2019 – Date	PAUSE ER. Perioperative interruption of anticoagulants in patients who need urgent interventions. Site PI
2020- Date	Hep Cov. Randomized controlled trial of 2 doses of anticoagulation for thrombosis prophylaxis of patients with COVID 19. Site Primary investigator and National Steering committee member
2020-Date	Prevent HD. Institutional PI. Randomized controlled trial in outpatients with COVID 19. Intervention is Rivaroxaban 10 mg for prevention of thromboembolic complications. Site Primary investigator
2020-date	MICHELLE trial. Steering committee member. Trial orchestrated in Brazil with Dr. Eduardo Ramacciotti. Trial on Extended prophylaxis with rivaroxaban after COVID 19 hospitalization.

Publications

Original Articles

1. **Tafur-Chang A**, Zapatier-Vidal J, Idrovo L. [Incidence of intoxications in the Ecuadorian Coast]. Revista Ecuatoriana de Medicina Critica 2002;3:13-15
2. Idrovo LA, **Tafur AJ**, Rodriguez JP, et al. [Prognostic markers associated with White Phosphorus ingestion] Med Hoy 2004;20,1
3. Idrovo-Freire L, Zapatier-Vidal J, **Tafur-Chang AJ**, et al. [Snake Bites (Bothrops): Relation between Severity and time of arrival to the ER] Rev. Med. HospiJBG 2004;1:21-25
4. Galarza D, **Tafur A**. [Correlation between the blood levels of Ip(a) and cholesterol transporter proteins during the IX Ecuadorian expedition to Antarctic, 2004.] Medicina 2007;13:28-34
5. Cherrez-Ojeda I, **Tafur A**, Cazar T, et al. Diagnosis of Chronic urticaria in Guayaquil. Archivos de alergia e inmunologia clinica 2007;38:00-00
6. Cherrez I, **Tafur A**, Galarza D, [Variation of diurnal hypersomnolence and C reactive protein among the members of the IX Ecuadorian Antarctic Expedition 2004.] Medicina 2008;14:28-34
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