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Ophthalmologist, Subspecialist in Pediatric Ophthalmology, Strabismus, and Pediatric Cataract

Certified by the International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO)

Certified in Quality and Safety in Healthcare – Harvard University (HarvardX, T.H. Chan School of Public Health)

Highlights

- Internationally certified in comprehensive ophthalmology by the International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO), having passed the three core international assessments that certify global competencies in Basic Sciences, Optics & Refraction, and Clinical Sciences in Ophthalmology
- HarvardX International Certification (2025) in *Improving Global Health: Focusing on Quality and Safety*, strengthening her profile in healthcare quality and patient safety.
- Appointed Member of the Health Quality Committee (2020) at Instituto Espailat Cabral, a center accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC), and a leader in specialized ophthalmology in the Dominican Republic.
- Experience in medical volunteering for amblyopia prevention campaigns, visual impairment detection, and community ophthalmology programs.
- Recognized as *Resident of the Year (2017)* by the Board of Directors of Hospital Dr. Elías Santana (CCSM), Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Academic Background

- 2019 – Subspecialty in Pediatric Ophthalmology, Strabismus, and Pediatric Cataract. Hospital Dr. Elías Santana, accredited by Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo (INTEC). Santo Domingo, DR.
- 2015–2018 – Specialty in Ophthalmology. Hospital Dr. Elías Santana, accredited by Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo (INTEC). Santo Domingo, DR.
- 2012 – Ophthalmology Internship. Instituto Espailat Cabral. Santo Domingo, DR.
- 2006–2011 – Doctor of Medicine. Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE). Santo Domingo, DR.

International Rotation in General Surgery – Hospital Episcopal San Lucas, Puerto Rico, USA (2011).

International Certifications

- 2025 – HarvardX (Harvard University Online, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health). *Improving Global Health: Focusing on Quality and Safety*.
- 2023 – Basic Life Support (BLS) – American Heart Association.
- 2018 – Clinical Sciences Examination in Ophthalmology – International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO).
- 2017 – Optics and Refraction Examination in Ophthalmology – International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO).
- 2016 – Basic Sciences Examination in Ophthalmology – International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO).

Experience and Institutional Roles

- Member of the Health Quality Committee (since 2020) – Instituto Espaillat Cabral, accredited by the ACHC (Accreditation Commission for Health Care).
- Member of the Medical Committee (since 2020) – Instituto Espaillat Cabral.
- Member of the Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus Department – Instituto Espaillat Cabral.
- Clinical and surgical practice in Pediatric Ophthalmology, Strabismus, and Pediatric Cataract – Instituto Espaillat Cabral.

Procedures and Clinical Competencies

- Strabismus Surgery: pediatric and adult cases, adjustable suture surgery, correction of complex strabismus.
- Pediatric Cataract Surgery: congenital and pediatric cataract extraction, intraocular lens implantation in pediatric patients.
- Comprehensive Pediatric Ophthalmology: evaluation and clinical management of amblyopia, early diagnosis of visual impairment, comprehensive management of refractive errors in childhood.

- Myopia Management and Control in Pediatric Patients: clinical evaluation and follow-up of myopia progression, specialized myopia control treatments following international guidelines, family education on preventive measures.

- Specialized Examinations in Pediatric Patients: cycloplegic refraction, pediatric biometry, diagnostic testing for strabismus, amblyopia, and myopia.

Professional Memberships

- International Strabismological Association (ISA) – since 2025.
- Latin American Council of Strabismus (CLADE) – since 2023.
- Dominican Council of Strabismus and Pediatric Ophthalmology (CODESOP) – since 2022.
- Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology (PAAO-Young) – since 2021.
- American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) – since 2021.
- Dominican Society of Ophthalmology (SDO) – since 2019.
- Dominican Medical Association (CMD) – since 2012.

Continuing Medical Education

- 2025 – Seminar “*Hospital Accreditation Essentials*”, The Joint Commission (JC). Chicago, Illinois, USA.
- 2025 – XXXVI Pan-American Congress of Ophthalmology (PAAO). Bogotá, Colombia.
- 2025 – Congress of Ophthalmology, Hospital Dr. Elías Santana (COHES). Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- 2025 – XXIV CLADE Congress (Latin American Council of Strabismus). Antigua, Guatemala.
- 2024 – American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO). Chicago, Illinois, USA.
- 2024 – Update Course in Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus, CODESOP (Dominican Council of Strabismus and Pediatric Ophthalmology). Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- 2024 – 56th Annual Meeting of the Dominican Society of Ophthalmology. Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.
- 2024 – American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus (AAPOS). Austin, Texas, USA.
- 2023 – Binational Symposium on Myopia Control Colombia–Mexico (virtual edition).
- 2023 – American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO). San Francisco, California, USA.
- 2023 – Update Course in Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus, CODESOP. Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- 2023 – XXIII CLADE Congress (Latin American Council of Strabismus). Certified attendee. Lima, Peru.
- 2023 – *Glaucomanía: A Glaucoma Symposium* (Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, virtual edition).

- 2022 – American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO). Chicago, Illinois, USA.
- 2021 – Inter-American Course in Clinical Ophthalmology (Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, virtual edition).
- 2021 – 2nd Continuous Education Session: *Unexpected Events in Cataract Surgery* (ALACCSA-R & Bascom Palmer, virtual edition).
- 2021 – Update Course in Allergic Keratoconjunctivitis. Dominican Society of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (virtual edition).
- 2021 – International Congress of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (ACOPE). Colombian Society of Ophthalmology (virtual edition).
- 2020 – Inter-American Course in Clinical Ophthalmology (IACO, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, virtual edition).
- 2020 – Annual Course on Visual Disability. Mexican Center of Strabismus (virtual edition).
- 2019 – Update Course in Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus, CODESOP. Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- 2019 – 8th Annual Cornea-Cataract-Refractive Course. Dominican Cornea Society. Baní, Dominican Republic.
- 2019 – Update Course in Retina. Dominican Society of Ophthalmology. Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- 2018 – Inter-American Course in Clinical Ophthalmology (IACO, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute). Miami, USA.
- 2018 – 7th Annual Cornea-Cataract-Refractive Course. Dominican Cornea Society. Baní, Dominican Republic.
- 2018 – Update Course in Neuro-Ophthalmology. Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- 2018 – 1st Congress of Ophthalmology, Hospital Dr. Elías Santana (COHES). Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- 2018 – 51st Annual Meeting of the Dominican Society of Ophthalmology. Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.
- 2018 – 3rd National Course of Uveitis. Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- 2017 – XXI CLADE Congress (Latin American Council of Strabismus). Documented participation. Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 2017 – 50th Annual Meeting of the Dominican Society of Ophthalmology. Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.
- 2016 – 49th Annual Meeting of the Dominican Society of Ophthalmology. Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.
- 2015 – 48th Annual Meeting of the Dominican Society of Ophthalmology. Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.
- 2012 – Medical Update Course. Universidad Mexicana de La Salle. Mexico City, Mexico.
- 2012 – American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO 2011). Chicago, Illinois, USA.
- 2011 – 1st Cornea-Cataract-Refractive Course. Dominican Cornea Society. Baní, Dominican Republic.

Academic and Scientific Production

Presentations:

- Crosslinking in Pediatric Patients – 7th Annual Cornea-Cataract-Refractive Course (2018), Baní, DR.
- New Indices for Early Detection of Keratoconus – 33rd Pan-American Congress of Ophthalmology (2017), Lima, Peru.
- Frequency of Orbital Tumors (2005–2015) – Residents’ Congress, INTEC (2016), Santo Domingo, DR.

Posters:

- Crosslinking in Pediatric Patients – 51st Annual Meeting of the Dominican Society of Ophthalmology (2018), Punta Cana, DR.
- Angioid Streaks: A Case Report – 4th Dominican and International Symposium of Medical Residencies of the CMD (2012), Santo Domingo, DR.

Publications:

- Vásquez, S., Piña, J., Pérez, O. Incidence of Recurrent Pterygium in Patients Operated at Instituto Espaillat Cabral during 2012. *Revista Médica Dominicana APS*, Vol. 26, Issue I (2013).