

## **DR. STEPHANIE V ASQUEZ ALMONTE**

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

Certified by the International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO)

Certified in Quality and Safety in Health – Harvard University (HarvardX, TH Chan School of Public Health)

### **Outstanding Facts**

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- Internationally certified in comprehensive ophthalmology by the International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO), having passed the three fundamental assessments that are an international endorsement that certifies 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 its profile in quality of health care and patient safety.
- Appointment as Member of the Health Quality Committee ( **2020** ) of the Espaillat Cabral Institute, a center accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC), a leader in specialized ophthalmology in the Dominican Republic.
- Experience in medical volunteering in amblyopia prevention campaigns, detection of visual impairment and community ophthalmological operations.
- Recognition as Resident of the Year ( **2017** ) by the Board of Directors of the Dr. Elías Santana Hospital (CCSM), Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

### **Academic Background**

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- **2019** – Subspecialty in Pediatric Ophthalmology, Strabismus and Pediatric Cataract. Dr. Elías Santana Hospital, accredited by the Technological Institute of Santo Domingo (INTEC). Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- **2015–2018** – Specialization in Ophthalmology. Dr. Elías Santana Hospital, accredited by the Technological Institute of Santo Domingo (INTEC). Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- **2012** – Ophthalmology Internship. Espaillat Cabral Institute. Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- **2006–2011** – Doctor of Medicine. Ibero-American University (UNIBE). Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.  
International rotation in General Surgery – San Lucas Episcopal Hospital, Puerto Rico, USA ( **2011** ).

### **International Certifications**

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- **2025** – HarvardX (Harvard University Online, Harvard TH 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**

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

### **Clinical Procedures and Competencies**

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- Strabismus surgery: for children and adults, surgery with adjustable sutures, correction of complex strabismus.
- Pediatric Cataract Surgery: extraction of congenital and pediatric cataracts, implantation of intraocular lenses in pediatric patients.
- Comprehensive Pediatric Ophthalmology: evaluation and clinical management of amblyopia, early diagnosis of visual impairment, comprehensive management of refractive errors in childhood.
- Management and control of myopia in the pediatric population: clinical evaluation and monitoring of myopia progression in pediatric patients, specialized myopia control treatments according to international guidelines, education for families on prevention measures.
- Specialized examinations in the pediatric population: refraction under cycloplegia, pediatric biometry, diagnostic tests for strabismus, amblyopia, myopia.

### **Professional Memberships**

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- International Strabismological Association (ISA) – from **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**

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- **2026** – AAPOS Congress 2026 – American Association of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (AAPOS). Boston, Massachusetts, United States.

- **2025** – Seminar 'Hospital Accreditation Essentials' The Joint Commission (JC). Chicago, Illinois, United States.
- **2025** – XXXVI Pan-American Congress of Ophthalmology (PAAO). Bogota, Colombia.
- **2025** – Ophthalmology Congress of the Dr. Elías Santana Hospital (COHES). Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- **2025** – XXIV CLADE Congress (Latin American Council of Strabismus). Antigua, Guatemala.
- **2024** – American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO). Chicago, Illinois, United States.
- **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, United States.
- **2023** – Binational Symposium on Myopia Control Colombia–Mexico (virtual edition).
- **2023** – American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO). San Francisco, California, United States.
- **2023** – Update Course in Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus CODESOP (Dominican Council of Strabismus and Pediatric Ophthalmology). Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- **2023** – XXIII CLADE Congress (Latin American Council of Strabismus). Certified attendee. Lima, Peru.
- **2023** – Glaucomania: A Glaucoma Symposium (Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, virtual edition).
- **2022** – American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO). Chicago, Illinois, United States.
- **2021** – Inter-American Course in Clinical Ophthalmology (Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, virtual edition).
- **2021** – Second Continuing Education Day: 'Unexpected events in cataract surgery' (ALACCSA-R & Bascom Palmer, virtual edition).
- **2021** – Update Course on 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 Impairment. Mexican Center for Strabismus (virtual edition).
- **2019** – Update Course in Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus CODESOP (Dominican Council of Strabismus and Pediatric Ophthalmology). Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- **2019** – VIII Annual Cornea-Cataract-Refractive Course. Dominican Cornea Society. Baní, Dominican Republic.

- **2019** – Retina Update Course. Dominican Society of Ophthalmology. Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- **2018** – Inter-American Course in Clinical Ophthalmology (IACO, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute). Miami, United States.
- **2018** – VII Annual Cornea-Cataract-Refractive Course. Dominican Cornea Society. Baní, Dominican Republic.
- **2018** – Update Course in Neuro-Ophthalmology. Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- **2018** – 1st Ophthalmology Congress of the Dr. Elías Santana Hospital (COHES). Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- **2018** – 51st Annual Meeting of the Dominican Society of Ophthalmology. Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.
- **2018** – 3rd National Uveitis Course. 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. Mexican University of La Salle. Mexico City, Mexico.
- **2012** – American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO 2011). Chicago, Illinois, United States.
- **2011** – First Cornea-Cataract-Refractive Course. Dominican Cornea Society. Baní, Dominican Republic.

## **Academic and Scientific Production**

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### **Presentations:**

- Crosslinking in pediatric patients – VII Annual Cornea-Cataract-Refractive Course ( **2018** ), Baní, RD.
- New Indices for Early Detection of Keratoconus – XXXIII Pan-American Congress of Ophthalmology ( **2017** ), Lima, Peru.
- Frequency of Orbital Tumors (2005–2015) – Residents' Congress, INTEC ( **2016** ), Santo Domingo, RD.

### **Posters:**

- Crosslinking in pediatric patients – 51st Annual Congress of the Dominican Society of Ophthalmology ( **2018** ), Punta Cana, RD.
- Angioid striae: a case report – 4th Dominican and International Symposium of Medical Residencies of the CMD ( **2012** ), Santo Domingo, RD.

### **Publications:**

- Vázquez, S., Piña, J., Pérez, O. Incidence of Recurrent Pterygium in patients operated on at the Espaillat Cabral Institute during 2012. Dominican Medical Journal APS, Vol. 26, Volume I ( **2013** ).