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EDUCATION

Rheumatology Fellowship

Albert Einstein Medical Center.
Philadelphia, PA. July, 2007 – June, 2009.

Internal Medicine Residency

Albert Einstein Medical Center.
Philadelphia, PA. June, 2004 – June, 2007.

Postdoctoral Fellowship

Mechanisms and Treatment of Progressive Damage after Traumatic Brain Injury. Miami Project to Cure Paralysis. University of Miami School of Medicine. Miami, FL. July 2002 – June 2004.

Medical Doctor

Universidad Nacional de Colombia.
Bogotá, Colombia. January 1996 – December, 2001
Class Valedictorian – Graduated with Honors December, 2001

WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Vice Chair of Rheumatology. Illinois Bone and Joint Institute. Morton Grove, IL. May 2015 - Present.**
 - Rheumatology Attending Physician. Margaret Mary Health. Batesville, IN. August 2012 – April 2015.
 - Chief of Rheumatology. Chestnut Hill Hospital. Philadelphia, PA. April, 2011 – September, 2011.
 - Rheumatology Attending Physician. Arthritis and Rheumatic Disease Consultants. Philadelphia, PA. August, 2009 – September, 2011.
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RESEARCH

- A 5-Year prospective observational registry to assess adverse events of interest and effectiveness in adults with active, autoantibody-positive Systemic Lupus Erythematosus treated with or without BENLYSTA (Belimumab) Protocol HGS1006-C1124. Subinvestigator 2016-2017.
- A Long-term study of the safety of Rituxan® in patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis after an inadequate response to previous Anti-TNF Therapy (SUNSTONE). Protocol U3839g. *Subinvestigator. 2007-2008*

- Genentech Protocol WA17045/U2973g. A randomized, placebo controlled, double-blind, parallel group, international study to evaluate the safety and efficacy of rituximan (MabThera®/Rituxan®) in combination with Methotrexate, compared to Methotrexate monotherapy in patients with active Rheumatoid Arthritis. Clinical Trial. *Subinvestigator. 2007-2008.*
- Genentech Protocol U2971g. A randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled, multicenter, PhaseII/III study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of Rituximab® in subjects with moderate to severe Systemic Lupus Erythematosus. Clinical Trial. *Subinvestigator. 2007-2008.*
- Genentech-Idec Protocol; 102-21/WA7531. An open-label study of the efficacy and safety of re-treatments with Rituximan® (MabThera®/Rituximab®) in patients with active Rheumatoid Arthritis who have had an inadequate response to anti-TNF α therapies. Clinical Trial. Open label extension. *Subinvestigator 2007-2008.*
- A phase I, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, escalating single and multiple-dose study of the safety, tolerability and pharmacokinetics of rhuMAB IFN α in adults with active Systemic Lupus Erythematosus. Protocol IFN3958g. *Subinvestigator 2007-2008.*
- Mechanisms and Treatment of Progressive Damage after Traumatic Brain Injury. *Subinvestigator.* Miami Project to Cure Paralysis. University of Miami School of Medicine. Miami, FL. July 2002 – June 2004.

PUBLICATIONS

- **Rodríguez-Páez AC**, Seetharaman M, Brent LH. *Cryoglobulin crystal arthropathy in a patient with multiple myeloma.* Journal of Clinical Rheumatology. 2009 Aug;15(5):238-40.
- Bramlett HM, Furones-Alonso O, Lotocki G, **Rodríguez-Páez AC**, Sanchez J, Keane RW. *Sex differences in XIAP cleavage after traumatic brain injury in the rat.* Neuroscience Letters. 2009 Sep 11;461(1):49-53.
- **Rodríguez-Páez AC**, Brunschwig JP, Bramlett HM. *Light and Electron Microscopic Assessment of Progressive Atrophy following Moderate Traumatic Brain Injury in the Rat.* Acta Neuropathologica. 2005 Jun;109(6):603-16.
- **Rodríguez-Páez AC**, Brunschwig JP, Frydel B, Alonso O, Dietrich WD, Bramlett HM. *Analysis of white matter structures following moderate traumatic brain injury in rats.* Abstract. Journal of Neurotrauma 2003;20:1001.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- Jankowsky, L, **Rodríguez-Páez AC.** *Femoral Cortical expansion.* International Society for Clinical Densitometry (ISCD) Annual Meeting in Galway, Ireland. June 1-4, 2016. Received "Honorable Mention".
- **Rodríguez-Páez AC**, Titermary S, Pritchard C, Brent LH. *Septic Arthritis: A 20-Year Review of Cases in Two Teaching Hospitals.* ACR/ARHP Annual

Scientific Meeting 2009. Philadelphia, PA, October 18, 2009. Designated as "Notable Poster" (Ranked in the top 15% among over 3000 abstracts).

- **Rodríguez-Páez AC**, Brent LH. *Epidemiological factors associated with admission to an urban medical center of patients with a primary diagnosis of acute gouty arthritis*. Annual European Congress of Rheumatology EULAR 2009. Copenhagen, Denmark. June 13, 2009.
- Britto C, **Rodríguez-Páez AC**, Scott E, Goldstein, M. *An unusual case of spinal cord compression due to granulocytic sarcoma*. The Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Physicians. Third place in poster competition. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. October 25, 2005.
- Scott E, **Rodríguez-Páez AC**, Britto C, Goldstein M. *A complicated peripartum course heralding warning against future pregnancies*. The Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Physicians. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. October 25, 2005.
- **Rodríguez-Páez AC**, Brunschwig JP, Frydel B, Alonso O, Dietrich WD, Bramlett HM. *Analysis of white matter structures following moderate traumatic brain injury in rats*. The 21st Annual National Neurotrauma Society Symposium. Biloxi, Mississippi, November 6 – 7, 2003.
- Bramlett HM, Alonso OF, Lotocki G, **Rodríguez-Páez AC**, Dietrich WD, Keane RW. *Estrogen regulation of XIAP processing following traumatic brain injury in the rat*. The First Joint Symposium of the National and International Neurotrauma Societies (The 20th Annual National Neurotrauma Society Symposium and the Sixth International Neurotrauma Symposium). Tampa, Florida, October 27 – November 1, 2002.

CERTIFICATES

- Certified Clinical Densitometrist. May 31, 2026
- Board Certified in Rheumatology. October 8, 2009. Recertification Issued from 2019-2029.
- Clinical Research Training CITI (Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative)
 - Human Research Basic Course; July 2007
 - Good Clinical Practice; June 2008
- ECFMG Certificate. June 17, 2002
- Microsurgical Procedures and Techniques. University of Miami School Medicine, Department of Neurological Surgery. September 9, 2002.

LECTURES

- Review of Osteoporosis and implications in Joint replacement and Spine surgery. Department of Orthopedics Ground Rounds. University of Chicago. Chicago, IL, March 6th, 2024.
- Living your YES with RA. Arthritis Foundation sponsored by Lilly. Patient Education Program. Holiday Inn North Shore. May 31st, 2018.
- Overview in Postmenopausal Osteoporosis. Lutheran General Hospital. Medical Grand Rounds. Park Ridge, IL. February 21, 2018.
- Update in Rheumatoid Arthritis. Chestnut Hill Hospital. Medical Grand Rounds. Philadelphia, PA. November 8, 2010.

LICENSURE

Illinois Medical License - active

Colombian Medical License - active

PROFESSIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

Member of International Society for Clinical Densitometry (June 2015 - present)

Member American College of Rheumatology (2007 – Present)

HONORS

- Medical School Class Valedictorian. Graduated with Honors. Universidad Nacional de Colombia. Bogotá, Colombia. December 2001
- Full Scholarship for Postgraduate Studies due to Academic Excellence. Universidad Nacional de Colombia. Bogotá, Colombia. June 30, 2002.
- Medical student representative before the ANIR (National Association of Interns and Residents). Universidad Nacional de Colombia. Bogotá, Colombia. June - December 2001.
- Academic Excellence Full Scholarship. Universidad Nacional de Colombia. Bogotá, Colombia. January 1996 - December 2001.