

CARDIAC SURGERY

Oscar Ortega, MD completed his medical degree at the University of Nuevo Leon Medical School, Monterrey, Mexico in 1985. In 1992 he completed his residency in Cardiovascular Surgery at the General University Hospital Gregorio Marañón in Madrid, Spain. Dr. Ortega was Board Certified on Thorax Surgery and Cardiac Surgery by the Mexican Medicine Academy in 1998.

Lucas Ponce, MD graduated from the University of Nuevo León Medical School in Monterrey, México in 1967. In 1969 he accepted a Straight Surgical Internship at Ben Taub General Hospital / Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas. In 1970 Dr. Ponce served in the U.S. Army at Darnall Army Hospital in Ft. Hood, Texas and in the following years served as a USMC Trauma Surgeon in Vietnam. Following his military service, he completed residency in General Surgery at Wesley Medical Center located in Wichita, Kansas from 1972 to 1976.

Dr. Ponce has been specializing in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery since 1977. He was appointed Chief of General Surgery and Chief of Medical Staff at the Hospital San José de Monterrey in 1982. In 1988 Dr. Ponce was named Chief of Cardiovascular Surgery at the Hospital San José de Monterrey and became a Member of the State of Nuevo Leon, Mexico Transplant Committee. Since then, Dr. Ponce has served on numerous medical committees and been a professor of surgery at two of the major universities in Monterrey. Currently he works at Christus Muguerza Hospital as a Member of the Shock Trauma Team and as a Member of the Surgical Staff.

Ricardo Sepúlveda, MD is Chief of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery at Christus Muguerza Hospital in Monterrey, Mexico. He specializes in Surgery of Coronary Bypass Grafts, Arterial and Venous Bypass Grafts, Mitral and Aortic Valve Replacements, repair of Mitral valves, and Thoracic Aortic repairs with composite conducts.

Dr. Sepúlveda received his medical degree from University of Nuevo Leon Medical School in Monterrey, Mexico from 1966 to 1973. From 1975 to 1978 he was resident in general Surgery at University of Illinois, School of Medicine, being chief resident last year. From 1978 to 1981 he was resident in Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery at the University of New Jersey, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark, New Jersey, where he was chief resident in his last year. In 1981 and 1982 he was associate professor of Pediatric Cardiovascular Surgery at the University of New Jersey School Of Medicine in Newark, as well as working as cardiovascular surgeon associate at the Texas Heart Institute in Houston with Dr. Denton Cooley.

Since 1983, Dr. Sepúlveda has been practicing General Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, and Pediatric Cardiovascular Surgery in Monterrey, Mexico. Additionally, he is professor of surgery at all three schools of medicine in the city of Monterrey, Mexico. He

is a licensed physician in the United States through his reciprocity licenses in the state of Texas, Illinois and New Jersey, and Member of multiple medical and surgical societies. Dr. Sepúlveda is Board Certified in General, Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery from Mexico National Specialty Boards.

CARDIOVASCULAR PROCEDURES

Jose Luis Assad, MD graduated from the University of Nuevo Leon Medical School at Monterrey, Mexico, with Suma Cum Laude honors. From 1963 to 1965 he made fellowships at the University of Georgetown in Washington, D.C., Cook County Hospital in Chicago, Illinois, and John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. From 1967 to 1969 he made his residency on internal medicine at Salvador Zubiran National Institute of Medical Sciences and Nutrition in Mexico City. Later, Dr. Assad came to the U.S. for a second residency on internal medicine at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota (1969–72). From 1972 to 1975 he continued his residency on cardiology at the Mayo Clinic, having several works published on ultrasound diagnosis for cardiovascular diseases, bypass grafts and coronary atherosclerosis. After 9 years, he returned to Monterrey where he has occupied positions including Chief of the cardiac division of Hospital Universitario – University of Nuevo Leon Medical School (1978 to 1983) and Head of the department of Vascular and Cardiac Procedures at the Health Science Division of Monterrey Tech and its medical School (“San Jose Hospital”) for ten years from 1984 until 1994.

Dr. Assad has been working at the Christus Muguerza Group since 1995 as the director of the cardiovascular disease division. In 2004, the Heart Institute was created at Christus Muguerza, where Dr. Assad continues to be the headmaster.

Dr. Assad has numerous academic affiliations including his roles as President of Internal Medicine at the Association of Nuevo Leon, Director and Board Counselor of the Medical Center of Specialties, Board Counselor of Monterrey University, President of the Mexican Cardiology Society and he is also a Member of the Mexican Government Board of Cardiology. In addition, He is affiliated with The American Collage of Cardiology, the American Heart Association, the Society of Cardiac Angiography and Intervention, the American College of Physicians, the American College of Chest Physicians, the American Society of Echocardiography, the International Society of Endovascular Specialists and the International Society of Cardiovascular Interventionists.

Dr. Assad has published more than 40 works on national and international magazines, 4 books and several papers related to the use of endovascular therapy in the treatment of peripheral vascular diseases.

Jose Ramon Azpiri Lopez, MD earned his Medical Degree with honors from the University of Nuevo Leon Medical School, Monterrey, Mexico in 1981. He completed residency work in areas including Clinical Cardiology, and Internal Medicine. He received the Interventional Cardiology Fellowship from the University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada in 1988. He has been Director of the Non-invasive Diagnostic Cardiopulmonary Laboratory at Christus Muguerza, since 1993.

Dr. Lopez has been certified by the Mexican Board of Internal Medicine and the Mexican Board of Cardiology since 1990, by the Mexican Board of Interventional Cardiology since 2000, and has been Coordinator of the Cardiac Catheterization and Cardiovascular Intervention Laboratory at the University of Nuevo Leon Hospital since 2004.

Dr. Lopez is a member of the Canadian Cardiovascular Society, the Clinical Cardiology Council of the American Heart Association, the American Society of Echocardiography, and a member of the International Society of Endovascular Specialists, to name a few. He is a Fellow of the Society of Cardiac Angiography and Interventions and the American College of Cardiology.

Adrián Dávila, MD earned his Medical Degree from the University of Monterrey Medical School in 1982. He did his residency work in several areas including Interventional Medicine, and Cardiology. He received Coronary Atherectomy training at “Clinica Bastarrica” in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 1998 and Carotid Angioplasty and Peripheral Vascular training at the Cardiology Institute, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2000.

Dr. Dávila held positions as Cardiologist at the Hospital de Especialidades in Monterrey, Mexico from 1989-1995, and worked as Interventional Cardiologist at Centro Medico del Noreste, also located in Monterrey 1995-2005. He was certified as Interventional Cardiologist by the Mexican Counsel of Cardiology in 2000. Dr. Dávila was President of the Monterrey Cardiology Society, and is currently a Member of the Monterrey Cardiology Society and the Latin-American Society of Interventionist Cardiology. He has been a part of the Christus Muguerza Hospital Staff, since 1990. Dr. Dávila has worked as a Cardiology resident professor and has also published several papers and works in the field of medicine.