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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Board-certified neurologist and fellowship-trained headache specialist. Founder of Puerto Rico's first specialized headache center, Past President of the Puertorican Academy of Neurology and academic faculty member committed to advancing headache education, clinical research, and leadership development locally and internationally.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Medicine (MD)

University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus – San Juan, PR

June 2010

Bachelor of Science in Chemistry

University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus – San Juan, PR

May 2005

National Student Exchange Program

Hunter College – New York, NY

2005–2006

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING

Fellowship – Headache and Facial Pain

Montefiore Medical Center – Bronx, NY

2014–2015

Residency – Neurology

Boston University Medical Center – Boston, MA

2011–2014

Preliminary Year – Internal Medicine

VA Caribbean Healthcare System – San Juan, PR

2010–2011

BOARD CERTIFICATION

American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology

- Neurology (2014–Present)
 - Headache Medicine (2016–Present)
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MEDICAL LICENSURE

Permanent Medical License – Puerto Rico (2011–Present)

Permanent Medical License – New York (2014–2016)

Limited Medical License – Massachusetts (2011–2014)

DEA License (2014–Present)

ASSMCA Controlled Substance License – Puerto Rico (2015–Present)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor, Neurology

University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine – San Juan, PR

2016–Present

CLINICAL APPOINTMENTS

Founder & Director

Headache Center of Puerto Rico – San Juan, PR

2020–Present

Founder of Puerto Rico’s first specialized clinic dedicated to the diagnosis and treatment of headache and facial pain disorders.

Headache Specialist

Salus Multidisciplinary Clinics – Bayamon, Puerto Rico

2017–2019

Neurohospitalist

Hospital Pavia & Hospital Susoni – Arecibo, PR

2015–2016

SCIENTIFIC & CLINICAL RESEARCH

Principal Investigator

M23-714 Study: Phase 3 Trial Evaluating Ubrogepant for Preventive Treatment of Menstrual Migraine. Sponsor: AbbVie
2024–Present

Principal Investigator

A Phase 3, Randomized, Double Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study of LY2951742 in Patients with Episodic Migraine- The Evolve-1 Trial. Sponsor: Eli Lilly
2015–2017

Sub-Investigator at Montefiore Medical Center

A Parallel Group, Double-Blind, Randomized, Placebo Controlled, Dose-Ranging Phase 2 Trial to Evaluate the Efficacy, Safety, and Pharmacokinetics of ALD403 Administered Intravenously in Patients with Chronic Migraine. Sponsor: Alder Biopharmaceuticals
2014–2015

Sub-Investigator at Montefiore Medical Center

A Multicenter, Prospective, Randomized, Open-label Study to Compare the Efficacy, Safety, and Tolerability of BOTOX® and Topiramate for Headache Prophylaxis in Adults with Chronic Migraine. Sponsor: Allergan
2014–2015

Sub-Investigator at Montefiore Medical Center

A Multicenter, Randomized, Double-Blind, Double-Dummy, Placebo-Controlled, Parallel Group, Multi-dose Study Comparing the Efficacy and Safety of Subcutaneous LBR- 101 with Placebo for the Preventive Treatment of Episodic and Chronic Migraine. Sponsor: Labrys Biologics, Inc.
2014

Prior Basic Science & Translational Research

HIV-associated Neurocognitive Disorders (University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine)
2009-2010

Molecular Genetics, Microbiology and Immunology Fluorescence Resonance Energy Transfer (FRET) analysis of mRNA degradation machines Research – UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
2005

Rheological Properties of Structural Complex Fluids – Harvard University
2004

PUBLICATIONS

Perloff MD, Parikh SK, **Fiorito-Torres F**, et al. Cerebrospinal Fluid Removal for Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension: Less Cerebrospinal Fluid Is Best. *J Neuroophthalmol.* 2019;39(3):330-332.

Avila-Ornelas J, Labat E, Alfonso G, Serrano C, **Fiorito F**. An extremely aggressive case of Marburg's disease treated with high dose cyclophosphamide. A case report. *Mult Scler Relat Disord.* 2019 Jun;31:51-53.

Rivera R, et al., **Fiorito-Torres F**. Morales M, Palermo K, Blas D. Atypical Neoplastic Infiltration in the Cerebellum. *Neurology.* 2021;96(15 Suppl):2185.

Fiorito-Torres F, Robbins M. Clinical Features and Prognosis of Headache in Preeclampsia and Eclampsia. *Neurology.*2016.

Kishan AU, et al., **Fiorito-Torres F**. Shoulder pain and isolated brachial plexopathy. *BMJ Case Rep.* 2012.

National and International Presentations

Expanding the Definition of Effectiveness in Migraine Prevention. European Headache Congress, Barcelona, Spain. December 8, 2023.

Aspectos Generales: Cefaleas Primarias y Secundarias (Primary and Secondary Headache Disorders). American Academy of Neurology's 74th Annual Meeting Seattle, WA. April 6th, 2022

Headache: Clinical Features and Prognosis of Preeclampsia and Eclampsia. New Investigator/Trainee Research Tournament & Platform Presentation, 57th Annual Scientific Meeting, American Headache Society, Washington, DC. June 20, 2015.

Secondary Causes of Nummular Headache: A Case Series and Literature Review. International Headache Academy at NIH, Bethesda, MD. June 16, 2015.

Regional Presentations

Approach to Migraine Disorder and a Discussion of Novel Migraine Therapies. Puerto Rico's Southern Academy. March 7th, 2024

Advances in Migraine. Puerto Rico's Southern Academy (Academia Médica del Sur), Ponce, PR. March 17, 2023.

Cervicogenic Headache versus Migraine: What Is the Difference? Puerto Rico Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation 33rd Convention, San Juan, PR. June 24, 2022.

Migraine as a Chronic Disease: Psychiatric Comorbidities and Multidisciplinary Treatment. APREBA 17th Annual Convention – Psychiatry Updates (Webinar). October 30, 2021.

Diagnosis, Pathophysiology, and Treatment of Migraine. Puerto Rico's Southern Academy (Webinar). October 20, 2021.

Is Migraine Just a Headache? Acute and Preventive Management. Pain Management Academy of Puerto Rico – 11th Annual Congress, San Juan, PR. September 25, 2021.

Advancement in the Management of Migraine Headaches. Puerto Rico's Southern Academy (Webinar). March 19, 2021.

Advanced Innovations in Headache Management. Pain Management Academy of Puerto Rico – 10th Virtual Annual Congress. September 26, 2020.

Migraine: More Than Just a Bad Headache. Puerto Rican Academy of Neurology Mini Convention, Carolina, PR. February 29, 2019.

Migraine Headache and Other Headache Disorders. Puerto Rico's Southern Academy, Ponce, PR. May 29, 2019.

Migraine: What Is It and How Do We Treat It? Internal Medicine Residency Grand Rounds, University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine, San Juan, PR. May 15, 2018.

Brain Pain: Migraine and Its Variants. 65th Puerto Rico Pediatric Society Congress. February 16, 2018.

Emerging New Headache Treatment Modalities. Academy of Neurology of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR. August 26, 2017.

Diagnosis and Management of Common Headache Syndromes. Pain Management Academy of Puerto Rico Annual Meeting, San Juan, PR. June 12, 2016.

Why and How Botox for Headache. Pain Management Academy of Puerto Rico Annual Meeting, San Juan, PR. June 12, 2016.

Conventional and Non-Conventional Treatment in Migraine Management. Mini Congress, Academy of Neurology of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR. April 9, 2016.

Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension (IIH): Removing Less CSF Is Best. Grand Rounds, Boston University Medical Center, Boston, MA. June 3, 2014.

Peer-Reviewed Poster Presentations

Research Proposal: Predictors of Favorable Outcomes in Chronic Migraine Treated with Peripheral Nerve Blocks. 60th Annual Scientific Meeting, American Headache Society, San Francisco, CA. June 29, 2018.

Updated Results on CSF Volume Removal for Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension. American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA. April 24, 2018.

An Extremely Aggressive Case of Marburg's Disease. American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA. April 21, 2018.

Clinical Features and Prognosis of Headache and Preeclampsia. American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada. April 17 & 21, 2016.

Headache: Clinical Features and Prognosis of Preeclampsia and Eclampsia. 57th Annual Scientific Meeting, American Headache Society, Washington, DC. June 20, 2015.

Secondary Causes of Nummular Headache: A Case Series and Literature Review. International Headache Society Meeting, Valencia, Spain. May 16, 2015.

Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension (IIH)/Pseudotumor: Removing Less CSF Is Best. American Academy of Neurology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. May 1, 2014.

TEACHING & LEADERSHIP

Past President
Puerto Rican Academy of Neurology
2024–Present

President
Puerto Rican Academy of Neurology
2022–2024

President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer
Puerto Rican Academy of Neurology
2016–2022

Emerging Leaders Program
American Headache Society – Scottsdale Headache Symposium, Scottsdale, AZ
Project in collaboration with American Migraine Foundation, creating an accessible information

resource on headache disorders and management for rural populations with limited access to care or technology.
2019-2020

REACH Program Participant- Resident Education for the Assessment and Care for Headache
American Headache Society
2020-2023

Development and Director of the Headache Medicine Block
University of Puerto Rico Neurology Residency
2016-2021

Neuroanatomy, Clinical cases and Headache Medicine Discussion for Medical Students
University of Puerto Rico, School of Medicine
2016-2021

Service to Professional Organizations

Co-chair Southern Headache Society Education Committee
2026

Reviewer and Translator of Patient Education Materials for American Migraine Foundation (First Contact Program)
2024-2026

Medical Ambassador for American Migraine Foundation– “Shades for Migraine” Campaign
2022–2025

AHS Women’s Leadership Development Subcommittee: Headache Heroine’s
2022-present

Peer Reviewer for Headache: The Journal of Head and Face Pain
2021-2023

Volunteer Physician – Hurricane Maria Community Clinics
2017

Spanish Medical Interpreter – Huntington’s Disease Information Session
2012

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member
American Headache Society

Member
American Academy of Neurology

Member
Southern Headache Society

Member
European Headache Federation

Member
Puerto Rican Academy of Neurology

LANGUAGES

Spanish – Fluent
English – Fluent
Italian – Intermediate proficiency
